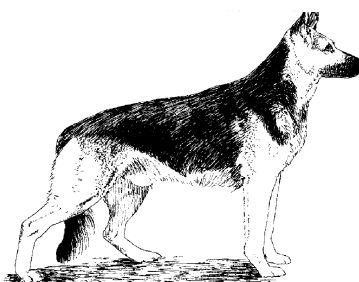
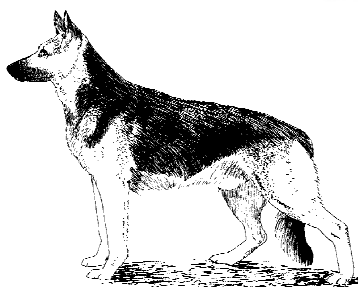
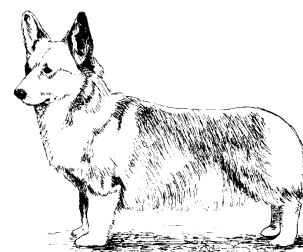
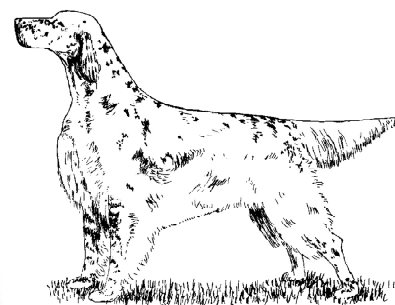


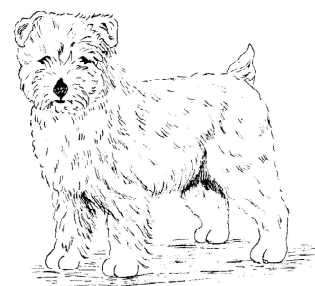
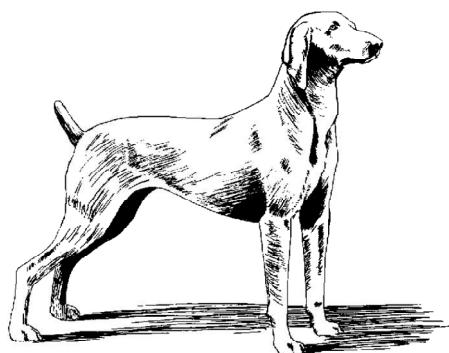
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CLUB CALENDAR

May

Sunday 5 May
Sunday 12 May
Wednesday 15 May
Saturday 18 May
Sunday 19 May
Monday 20 May
Saturday 25 May
Sunday 26 May

Normal Training. Newsletter Available

Normal Training.

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Kris Kotsopoulos Seminar

Kris Kotsopoulos Seminar. NO TRAINING

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.

RALLY TRIALS

Normal Training.

June

Sunday 2 June
Tuesday 4 June
Sunday 9 June

Normal Training – Newsletter available

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised

Queens Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING.

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Glenys Murray

Vanessa Bridges

Carole Sparks

Alex Shackleton

Julie Cooke

Karalyn Bell

Rally O

Wendy Ganly

Flyball

Sally Hunt



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The office is running well and things are falling into place for me as Secretary. Currently we are ironing the bugs out of the new membership package that has been custom built for the club by Brendan Jagtenberg.

This will streamline the membership process and allow us to use more modern practices in relation to record keeping and renewals. Thank you Brendan I know you have put a lot of time into getting it to do all I ask for.

We are running a big raffle this year with the total prizes being \$5000.00 worth of travel vouchers. Please do all you can to help make this a success as it will benefit each and every one of you in the long run. If every member takes a book of 10 and sells them to their family and friends we will be doing well.

The entertainment books have arrived and can be collected/purchased from the office. At \$55 it is a real bargain and gives the purchaser lots of way to save money and of course it helps out the club with our fund raising targets \$11 from each one purchased going to the club.

Christine Jagtenberg – Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fundraising/social update

1. There are tickets still available for the May 18th- 19th seminar with Kris Kotsopoulos. Details are on our notice board and website.
2. Canine First aid workshop. Details soon for our workshop. This will be held on a Sunday after classes for approx 3 hrs. A great way to learn how to cope with basic first aid until you can get your pet to a Vet. This workshop will be conducted by Dr Sally Upham from Nth Geelong Vet Clinic.
3. August 3rd - 4th. Holistic approach to dog training Seminar. This seminar will be conducted by Vicki Austin. Tickets will be \$150 for the two days including lunches and snacks. Further details soon.
4. Saturday 14th September is our Trivia night. We are looking for donations for raffles and auctions that will be held on the night. There will be a detailed flyer coming out soon.

Bye for now –Tina Button-Social Secretary



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NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER

Rally Trials

Well what a wonderful and productive day we had for both the competitors and the club.

A very big thank you to Pam and Janelle Convery for their work organizing the trial. Also a big thank you to the many others who assisted on the day setting up the rings, stewarding and helping wherever possible. At this stage it looks like the trial has made a profit of around \$600 on the day.

The Canteen did very well and the dedicated helpers were brilliant. On behalf of the Committee, thank you all very much for your hard work. As a result we made around \$400 for the club.

Kathy Taylor - Treasurer



RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIPLE TRIAL

Saturday 13th April 2013

Another well run trial was held on Saturday 13th April at the club's ground with many of your own club members achieving some wonderful results in the way of passes and titles. The results are included elsewhere.

To run a trial involves a lot of organising starting many months before not only for the Trial Secretary but for those who wish to have themselves and their dog/s tested in a trialing situation.

Hours of practice and the complete understanding of the signs leads to a few handlers gaining the magical 100 points. Or on the day the dog has no interest in doing what the handler wants them to do so points are lost quickly. A pass is given for a total of from 70 to 100 points. If a handler has a bad day they are very grateful for a total of 70 points and will work on where they lost the points before the next trial. (I had a brain fade day and was very grateful for my 71 points)

Handlers start off with 100 points and loose points depending on the mistakes the handler or the dog makes, like tight leads, incorrect execution of the exercise, dog knocking over a bar jump, dog not sitting when required etc., just like your obedience exercises in your class.

I get very nervous on trialing day for my girls who will be on their own in the trial ring. If I could I'd sit on their shoulders and help them along the way, but we all know that's not allowed.

Your Rally O girls now have titles in the Rally Novice, Rally Advance and Rally Excellent with a couple of your members only a few passes away from gaining the highest title of Rally Advance Excellent. A couple of newbies having no confidence in themselves gained wonderful passes on the day. Congratulations girls.

Want to know more, why not come over to the Rally classes and talk to any one of us, we'll tell you how much fun you can have in Rally as YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR DOG in the ring which is why lots of people are having FUN with their dog doing RALLY OBEDIENCE.

I hope to see you on a Sunday morning.

Wendy Ganly - Rally & Obedience Instructor

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GROUND'S MANAGER'S REPORT

I'd like to thank the people who gave their assistance for setting up and dismantling the equipment that was used in the Rally O Trials last Saturday 13th April.

We now have the Grant that enables us to paint the inside of the Clubhouse. This has begun with the painting of the toilet block last week and I'd like to thank Roland Linford and Graham Goodson for helping this get underway.

However, there is still a lot more work to be done.....

- (a) The windows need masking with tape and the window frames need cleaning and repainting.
- (b) The ceiling in the main room of the clubhouse also has to be cleaned and painted with ceiling white.
- (c) The kitchen and the bar area also need painting.

This will be done over the next few months.

We are still in need of time donors to help complete this task.

Contact Victor Douglas (Grounds Manager) on 0448415401 if you are able to assist.

RALLY O: WAY TO GO?

What is Rally O? Rally O has been referred to as a cross between Obedience and Agility. Its supporters believe it will change the 'serious' image of Obedience Trials.

'Handlers may praise and pet their dogs, repeating commands and signals as necessary.' [No penalties] [Canadian Kennel.Club. Rally Trial Rules & Regulations] 'The overall performance should convey an image of fun, enthusiasm and the ability of the team to work in partnership.' [United Kennel.Club. Rally Obedience Trials Rules & Regulations. [U.S.A.]] The Association of Pet Dog Trainers [U.K.] calls it 'the wonderful new sport of Rally Obedience'

The A.N.K.C. Ltd. published *Rules for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials Effective 1st.January 2012* in 2011.

There are 4 Levels.

- * Novice: - on lead
- * Advanced - off lead - one jump.
- * Excellent - a challenging off lead course – 2 jumps.

*Advanced Excellent – to achieve this title '*the team must qualify 10 times in both R.A. And RAE class at the same trial.*'

The Judge designs the course. [Competitors can walk the course prior to the event]

Unlike Obedience, instead of waiting for the Judge's orders, the handler proceeds around the course with the dog at heel obeying the numbered signs posted. [The Handler +The Dog = The Team]

* Once the Judge gives the command 'Forward' at the Start the Team works alone with no further instructions from the judge.

* The judge or steward starts timing on the Forward command.

* The Team must execute the task depicted on the sign.

* The Judge is, of course, looking for a polished performance when marking each competitor.

* Tied scores result in Time being a factor. Run offs are permitted. ¹

Rally O, then is similar to Agility. The Judge designs the course, the competitors may walk it before competing. The difference - the Rally O course has exercises, the Agility course has obstacles. The

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emphasis is on attitude rather than precision. During their turn to compete - the team is 'centre stage' in a continuous performance. Like Agility, it appeals to an audience. Obedience Clubs have embraced Rally O with enthusiasm. Geelong Obedience Dog Club was one of the 'first cabs off the rank' and offered the Obedience fraternity stunningly successful Rally O trials.

It is to be hoped that this fledgling sport will fulfill the hopes and dreams of its supporters:

1. 'Rally O will be Stepping Stone into the Obedience Trial ring and teach handlers the skills required to be successful in both disciplines.' [quote]

The Tasmanian Dog Training Club calls it a 'Great Introduction to Obedience.' 'Rally O is ... an opportunity for veteran dogs to remain active, and a chance for shy or anti social dogs to get ring experience without worrying about being examined by a judge.'

The Queensland Working Party also believes that:

2. 'Rally O will put a safety net under the loss of Members at a premature stage. They will be attracted to Rally O as it is less formal than Obedience Trialling' [quote]

3. 'Rally O will generate a spirit of camaraderie amongst New Members with an exciting new sport in which they can participate. They will help one another and hence the club.' [quote]

4. 'These Club Members may very well take on roles within the Club structure and help in the week by week running of their Club. *We all need good helpers, don't we?*' [quote]

Geelong Obedience Dog Club strives to offer its members as varied a diet as possible when it comes to training dogs. K9 Puppy Kinder, Flyball, Agility, Obedience, Rally O, Tracking when a teacher is available.. Participating in a trial represents the culmination of the weeks spent in class learning the skills imparted to members by volunteer instructors. This makes enormous demands on the stalwarts who man the trials offered to meet the needs of members. Rally-O has crystallised the problem with Obedience Clubs – too few are busting their guts to help too many. “We all need good helpers – don't we?” [quote] says it all. One has to question the philosophy that offering more to members will incite them to offer something in return. Members need to be aware that the CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

Every time a trial looms – you are politely requested to 'give a hand.' If too few hands show up on deck – the stalwarts shoulder the extra burden and the trial is yet another successful and enjoyable day for the participants. The workers end the day exhausted. The Club comes out of it all with its reputation for being the place to spend a great day trialling enhanced yet again at the personal cost of too few. The gunna do's who never did quite get round to putting their hands up have no conception of the individual energy and effort that has been poured into a trialling weekend. They have also missed out on the sense of camaraderie and feeling of pride in a job well done when it is all over. The sense of self – satisfaction of being able to put a little back into the club that has given you so much.

An even more worrying trend has crept into the recognition of the role of volunteers in our ordinary Sunday training sessions. There have been isolated examples of ordinary members treating club office bearers as incompetent employees that they have personally hired to look after them on Sunday. Not liking the service these incompetent office bearers offer them on Sunday they have chosen to complain – anonymously of course. There are proper channels to put your name to a legitimate complaint. You may like to start with a Committee Member – perhaps the President or Secretary. It is courteous to put your complaint in writing and sign the document. If you have never volunteered one second of your time to the club it may help to contemplate how offering your services could be a positive step to alleviating the problem and enabling you to forward your complaint as a valued volunteer.

Volunteers are vulnerable! They offer themselves to the rest of the members. They offer a skill they

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personally have to give others a better time each Sunday. They find exposure through put downs and complaints hurtful. Praise is not a frequent happening – it should be – every Sunday from every body! Have you thought what a difference praise makes to PEOPLE – not just dogs. Get with treating our volunteers like our dogs. Positive reinforcement is a powerful tool!! Use it.

Killer Statements undermine club morale. “Why in the hell should I volunteer?” “Who wants to get kicked in the teeth for doing a job for nothing?”

Positive Reinforcement works with people as well as dogs! Try it each Sunday. Genuinely thank an Office Bearer – your instructor, the canteen staff, the guy who cleans the toilets, the secretary, editor of Doggy Gossip

Volunteers feel empowered when they are valued and kept informed of the big picture. Join their ranks. Become part of the fabric and texture of a great club. Pam Convery is our current Trial Secretary. Join Pam's Army for the next trial! Next Trial – be able to say to yourself after it is all over – WE DID IT!

We did it! We did it!
Wear a winner's smile
We knew all the while
This was the best trial
We did it.
Indeed we did!

Robyn Youl
Librarian



TRIAL RESULTS

NADAC PTC – Moorabbin 9th March

Vanessa Bridges	Peyto	Novice Regular 1	2 nd Place	14 th Q
		Novice Regular 2	3 rd Place	15 th Q
		Novice Touch N Go 2	7 th Place	4 th Q
Rebecca Kearney	Reuben	Nov Vet Regular 2	4 th Q	

NADAC PTC – Moorabbin 10th March

Vanessa Bridges	Bryce	Elite Jumpers 2	1 st Place	23 rd elite Q
	Peyto	Novice Jumpers 1	3 rd	3 rd Q
NJC Title				
		Novice Jumpers 2	3 rd	4 th Q
		Novice Regular 1	3 rd	16 th Q
		Novice Regular 2	2 nd	17 th Q
		Novice Weavers2	2 nd	9 th Q

Peyto came equal Highest in Trial in Novice Level based on Q's but did NOT achieve the Highest in Trial award because of a lower HIT Point.

NADAC PTC – Moorabbin 11th March

Vanessa Bridges	Bryce	Open Extreme Barrel Racing 1	2 nd	5 pts
		Open Extreme Barrel Racing 2	2 nd	5pts
		Open Extreme Gaters	1 st	10pts
		Open Extreme Hoopers	2 nd	15pts
		Open Extreme Hoopers	2 nd	15pts
	Peyto	Novice Extreme Barrel Racing 1	4 th	5pts
		Novice Extreme Gaters 1	5 th	5pts
		Novice Extreme Hoopers1	5 th	5pts
Rebecca Kearney	Reuben	Novice Extreme Barrel Racing 2	3 rd	

Southern Obedience Dog Training Club Inc 16th March

Rebecca Kearney	Reuben	Rally Advanced A	75 points	
		TITLE! (RA)		
Janelle Convery	Mason	Rally Advanced B	96pts	2 nd
		Rally Excellent B	99pts	3 rd
		Rally Advanced B	98pts	1 st
		Rally Excellent B	89pts	4 th
Janelle Convery	Rookie	Advanced B	81pts	13 th
		Excellent B	88pts	7 th

NADAC Traditional Agility Trials – 23rd March

Vanessa Bridges	Bryce	Elite Numbered Hoopers 1	3 rd	11 th elite Q
		Elite Numbered Hoopers 2	1 st	12 th elite Q
	Peyto	Novice Numbered Hoopers 1	7 th	3 rd Q
HP-N Title				
		Novice Regular 1	1 st	18 th Q
		Novice Regular 2	1 st	19 th Q
Rebecca Kearney	Reuben	Regular 1 Nov Vet	2 nd	Q

TRIAL RESULTS

NADAC Traditional Agility Trials – 24th March

Vanessa Bridges	Bryce	Elite Tunnellers 1	1 st	34 th Elite Q
		Elite Tunnellers 2	1 st	35 th Elite Q
		Elite Weavers	1 st	Q

Elite Standard Highest in Trial

Vanessa Bridges	Peyto	Novice Touch N Go 1	3 rd	5 th Q
		Novice Touch N Go 2	2 nd	6 th Q
		O-TG-N Title		
		Novice Tunnellers 1	4 th	5 th Q
		Novice Weavers 1	1 st	10 th Q

S-WV-N Title

Dog Victoria Rally Trial – 31st March

Janelle Convery	Rookie	Advanced B	92pts	
		Excellent B	87pts	
	Mason	Advanced B	96pts	3 rd
		Excellent B	96pts	2 nd
Rebecca Kearney	Reuben	Advanced B	70pts	

Geelong ODC Triple Rally Trials – 13/4/13

Trial A

Ch Kylain Chase A Hurrican 'A'Z' CCD ET	GSD	Mrs B Pownall	81	Novice	4th Place
Tootsie Brown CCD RN	Associate	Margaret Brown	75	Advanced A	5th Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	97	Advanced B	1st Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	96	Advanced B	2nd Place
Monlaird Star Of Avalon CCD RE AD JDX SPD	Border Collie	Miss P Gavaghan	86	Advanced B	5th Place
Goorambat Excalibur CD RE	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	85	Advanced B	6th Place
Poruse Diamond Dealer CD RA TD HTM.N FDCH	Aust Shepherd	Wendy Ganly	90	Excellent A	4th Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	99	Excellent B	1st Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	98	Excellent B	2nd Place
Monlaird Star Of Avalon CCD RE AD JDX SPD	Border Collie	Miss P Gavaghan	95	Excellent B	4th Place

Trial B

Ch Kylain Chase A Hurrican 'A'Z' CCD ET	GSD	Mrs B Pownall	91	Novice	6th Place
Tootsie Brown CCD RN	Associate	Margaret Brown	86	Advanced A	6th Place
Lindenbrae Tarfin Fey Conjurer CCD RN AD JD	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	80	Advanced A	8th Place

Tallacassie RN	Associate	Mrs Vivienne Benham	78	Advanced A	11th Place
Barkley RN	Associate	Mrs Vivienne Benham	76	Advanced A	13th Place
Elmaro Celtic Cross CCD RN	Dobermann	Mrs E Longshaw	70	Advanced A	14th Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	95	Advanced B	1st Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	75	Advanced B	7th Place
Monlaird Star Of Avalon CCD RE AD JDX SPD	Border Collie	Miss P Gavaghan	74	Advanced B	8th Place
Poruse Diamond Dealer CD RA TD HTM.N FDCH	Aust Shepherd	Wendy Ganly	82	Excellent A	4th Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	96	Excellent B	1st Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	84	Excellent B	5th Place

Trial C

Ch Kylain Chase A Hurrican 'A'Z' CCD ET	GSD	Mrs B Pownall	86	Novice	4th Place
Barkley RN	Associate	Mrs Vivienne Benham	87	Advanced A	6th Place
Coppertop Perfect Pitcha CCD RN	Dobermann	Mrs E Longshaw	85	Advanced A	7th Place
Tootsie Brown CCD RN	Associate	Margaret Brown	78	Advanced A	8th Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	98	Advanced B	1st Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	94	Advanced B	2nd Place
Monlaird Star Of Avalon CCD RE AD JDX SPD	Border Collie	Miss P Gavaghan	80	Advanced B	7th Place
Lizziwell Regal Princess RA AD JD	CKCS	Ms GRH Murray	77	Excellent A	7th Place
Poruse Diamond Dealer CD RA TD HTM.N FDCH	Aust Shepherd	Wendy Ganly	71	Excellent A	8th Place
Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX RE NRA AD JD SD GD SPD	Golden Retriever	P & J Convery	99	Excellent B	1st Place
Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CDX RE ADX JDM JDO GD SD (AI)	Border Collie	Lindenbrae Kennels	87	Excellent B	3rd Place
Monlaird Star Of Avalon CCD RE AD JDX SPD	Border Collie	Miss P Gavaghan	76	Excellent B	7th Place

Tracking Club of Victoria's Test 1 trial Held at Officer, 13 April 2013

Rebecca Kearney Zenchel Fromelles Honour (Wyatt)

Pass

Grade: Pass

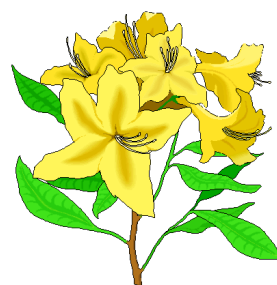


VALE

R.I.P Silvanwood Star Force CD ET (Iseabal)
18/09/99-25/03/13

Gone peacefully in her sleep, in her own time

Much loved pet of Skye, Sinead, Selina & Gordon.



You were loving, caring, happy & trustworthy and will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

Gun Dog Working Retrieving Presentation

by

Rod Watts at GODC June 2nd

Bookings with Club Secretaries

Jointly run by Bellarine Dog Activities Group and Geelong
Obedience Dog Club

Cost \$10 includes sausage sizzle

I/We wish to apply to attend the Working Gundog Workshop on
June 2nd at GODC

Please find attached \$.....



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Environmental Enrichment

Karen Damiani

With our busy lifestyles many dogs can spend hours each day left to their own devices sometimes leading to social and behavioural problems. As we learn more about animals it is increasingly apparent that mental health is of enormous importance to an animals well being and lifestyle. The following are a list of suggestions to provide Environmental Enrichment for those times when your dog is left home alone.

These ideas should be used in addition to your normal family interaction and an appropriate exercise regime and great care should be taken to ensure that there is no danger to your pet or others in any of these activities.

A BIRD FEEDER

The height and location needs to be so that the birds do not get caught or injured, I can live without my dog being that enriched! I generally put the breakfast scraps on the feeder before going out and it can be fascinating to watch the dog's behaviours.

The cavalier sits waiting patiently at a non-threatening distance for birds so they will feed and drop food after which he vacuums underneath to find the dropped scraps. If things are a bit slow he will do an occasional rush forward timed so that the birds fly off startled and drop the food. The Heeler x guards the feeder and won't let a bird near it all day and the Terrier x tries to figure out ways to climb across or jump up to the feeder itself, all dogs receiving mental stimulation. Note that my dog is the one who seems to get the most food from this system

AN ICE BLOCK

Place some suitable scraps of food into an ice-cream container, fill with water and freeze. You could even freeze a knotted rope into it so it could be hung somewhere or maybe bury it, the ice melts the interest is renewed as treats come to the surface.

A cool idea for the hot weather! I saw a similar system being used in a sanctuary for a Tasmanian Devil, ice-block trays were frozen with water and blood in them and placed at the top of the waterfall so the scent travelled down, they also threw them around the enclosure so there was plenty of scent to check out as they melted. Often zoos and sanctuaries do environmental enrichment activities with their animals so it is a good idea to ask them for some new ideas if you visit.

A DIGGING PIT

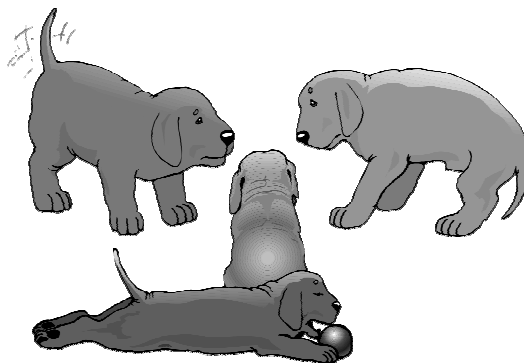
Some dogs love to dig so provide an area where they can dig and reinforce their behaviour in that area. A sandpit where you bury bones or a compost where you can dig in the vegetable scraps and the dog will help you turn it over. My brother had a shorthaired Border Collie who buried everything and every night they would come home from work to find shoes and other articles were missing and buried, even the food bowl was buried on a daily basis. At one stage he tied the food bowl to a post to prevent the dog from moving it, came home and found it still tied, but under a pile of dirt. The garden was in dire straights. He then built a compost area and encouraged the dog to dig there and then left around things that he was allowed to bury and it worked like a treat.

A WADING POOL

Some dogs adore water so why not encourage it. You can purchase shallow moulded plastic children's pools quite cheaply or alternatively make your own pond. Ensure that the dog can easily get out of the

Environmental Enrichment – Karen Damiani

pond and that it is just paddling depth, then drop some toys or treats even vegetables such as carrot pieces which will float and encourage the dog to play. An alternative would be to drop the same floating goodies or toys in the dogs water bucket. In hot weather I often drop apples in the horses trough so they can bob for them and the Welsh Mountain pony has figured out to push them to the side of the trough so he can bite them.



THE KONG

Many of you would be very familiar with the Kong, a marvellous piece of equipment available from good pet product suppliers which can be stuffed with food and left for the dog to work on during the day. Be aware though with multiple dogs that using food games may cause some problems

THE BUSTER CUBE

The Buster Cube is another great invention available from good pet product suppliers, you can place dry food into the opening and the dog has to roll it around to get them out again. Some dogs take all day and some take five minutes! Suitable for most breeds, but there are a very few that have the jaw strength and capacity to destroy these. (I have no doubt you already know if you own one of these dogs!) Some dogs need to learn how to use a Buster Cube so a smear of peanut butter or cheese near the opening as well as a cheer squad often gets them going.

A TREASURE HUNT

Can be lots of fun, leave the dog in the house (somewhere he can't cheat by peeking) and hide food and treats around the yard, digging some in, placing some under other articles so he can discover things all during the day.

THE OLD SWINGING TYRE

It amazes me when people hang up a tyre from a tree and expect the dog to play with it, it amazes me even more when they do! Not being one to leave things to chance I place toys or treats in the tire to ensure the dog is interested and gets some reward for the game. Make sure that what you hang it from can take the weight of the dog as well as the abuse and also that the dog cannot get caught up in it and become injured.



THE TERMINATOR

Give the dog something to destroy, a soft toy can be purchased cheaply from a fete or op shop (beware of plastic eyes and stuffing contents), a cardboard box can be great fun to destroy and has the bonus of providing you with exercise picking up the pieces afterwards. Be careful though with dogs which may ingest foreign materials.

THE BUSYBODY

There are dogs in this world as with people that just love knowing what's going on - so help them out. Peepholes in the fence or a raised viewing platform may be just what the doctor has ordered.

Training your dog to be socially acceptable opens a whole new world of environmental enrichment as it allows him to join in your family and social activities.



Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

A Day Full of Rally Trials

Saturday 25 May 2013

Belmont Common, Breakwater Road, Breakwater

Entries to: Pam Convery, 8 Byambee Court, Grovedale Vic 3216

Cheques payable to Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Enquiries : 03 52 414786 or via email: Janelle.convery@bigpond.com

Entries Close: Monday 14 May 2013. Late Entries will be returned.

	Trial A	Trial B	Trial C
Novice	Mrs D Ayton	Mr M Tyler	Mrs D Howard
Advanced A & B	Mrs D Howard	Mrs D Ayton	Mr M Tyler
Excellent A & B	Mr M Tyler	Mrs D Howard	Mrs D Ayton

Please note: If entry is excessive additional Judges will be added closer to the closing date of the Trials.

Conditions of Entry: Separate entry forms are to be used for each trial stating day. Titles to be noted and jump heights clearly marked. Entry must show Ring entered - A to C and class entered

Entry Fee: \$10 per dog per class Catalogue: \$2 or on GODC website

Check in: Trial A: 7.45 – 8.15 Trial B: 10.45 – 11.15 Trial C: 1.45 – 2.15

Judging Commences: Trial A: 8.30

Trial B: 11.30 or 30mins after finish of Trials A

presentations

Trial C: 2.30 or 30mins after finish of Trials B presentations

Catering : Available

Highest Score in Trial, 1st - 3rd each ring, Best Geelong Member, Specialty sashes.

**ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 15TH JUNE, 2013
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL INC.
A0013246X**

DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL
to be held at
**HARRIS STREET RESERVE, WARRNAMBOOL
SATURDAY 29th JUNE, 2013**

ENTRIES: Accompanied with Fees to be sent to the
Trial Secretary, Necia Lynch at P.O. Box 280 Warrnambool 3280
ph 5561 3193 or email wdtstrialsec@eftel.net.au (no calls after (9.00 pm)

MORNING: Judging to commence at 9.00 am, Check in 8.00 am to 8.45 am
Vetting from 8.00 am to 8.45 am

AFTERNOON: Following a One hour break after the completion of the morning
classes, or not before 12.30 pm whichever is the later.

Check in 11.00 am to 11.45 am
Vetting from 11.00 am to 11.45 am

Collect exhibit numbers from Secretary's Office before 11.45 am

PRESENTATION: All presentations following the completion of the full day's classes

SATURDAY AM

CDX / CD / CCD Mrs Ute May

UD / UDX Mr Bernie Wilkinson

SATURDAY PM

CDX / CD / CCD Mr Bernie Wilkinson

UD / UDX Mrs Ute May

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to substitute judges
if the entries are excessive.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: Separate entry forms (paper) are to be used for each trial,
stating clearly AM or PM classes. Please print clearly height at shoulder in millimetres.

ENTRY FEE: \$9.00 (includes VCA surcharge). Receipts will be posted only if a
stamped self addressed envelope is enclosed.

Cheques made payable to Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc.

CATALOGUE: \$2.00 each to be ordered with entry. Catalogue will cover the full day
or download from the Club Website, if email address provided, a copy of the catalogue
will be emailed prior to the trial.

CATERING: Catering available, Raffle draw prior to the Presentation at end of day

AWARDS: 1st Place Qualifying Score - Prize & Sash, 2nd and 3rd placegetters Sashes
Title Ribbon, and Qualifying Score Cards.

Other awards, list incomplete look at Catalogue for details.

General Meeting 2nd April 2013 Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Meeting Opened: 8.02pm

Apologies: Kath Devlin, Pam Convery, Janelle Convery, Trish Gavaghan, Victor Douglas, Vanessa Bridges, Desma Dickeson, Chris Shields

Minuted from previous Meeting as distributed

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Jim Ball. Had apology from P Convery. He was right about the regulations regarding the rubberisation of agility equipment.
2. Margaret Brown looked into Alcoa Grants. they only give to employees.

Motion to accept the minutes

Accepted: J Ball Seconded: J Shields Carried: All

Correspondence Inward: Victorian Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulations, NADAC Aust Forum, Australian Red Cross. Helen Read

Correspondence Outwards: Dogs Vic, Department of Justice, Victorian Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulations,

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Victorian Commission for Gambling & Liquor Regulations
 - Forms for registration to run raffles where we have been doing so for years illegally.
 - We are now registered and can run raffles with the prize under \$5000.00
2. Dogs Vic
 - Notice of change of President. Roland Linford
 - Notice of election of 2nd Vice President. Brendan Jagtenberg
3. Department of Justice
 - Notice of change of President. Roland Linford
 - Notice of election of 2nd Vice President. Brendan Jagtenberg
4. NADAC Aust
 - For NADAC National to be held in November they are asking club to enlist their members who participate in agility to donate raffle prizes.
 - Discussion was had and it was decided that the members can participate if they wish but the club will not be participating as we are needing to make money for our club.
5. Helen Read

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- GODC in conjunction with BDAG running a Gun Dog Working Retrieving Workshop June 2nd at 1.30pm.
- \$10.00 per person. Once Rod watts paid for time proceeds to be split between GODC & BDAG
- Sausage sizzle run by GODC. Proceeds to GODC
- Attendance forms to be placed on veranda.

Motion to accept the Correspondence

Accepted: S Hunt Seconded: G Murray Carried: All

Reports:

Treasurer Attached

Grounds Manager

- Painting in near future need help
- 2 Photos on bar have been put up on wall
- Spent some time recently removing fallen branches from around grounds
- Replaced poo bag roll in the off lead area.

Canteen Manager

- Canteen going well
- Profits have been steadily rising
- Last month made \$350.00 profit

Trial Secretary Attached

Social Secretary Nil

Training Supervisor Nil

Motion to accept to accept the reports:

Accepted: E Longshaw Seconded: J Shields Carried: All

General Business:

1. Kathy Taylor

- Further to Treasures report
- Need to increase membership fees. reasons attached
- Committee held meeting to look at how the finances work and it was realised the club is no doing very well due to the fact that we haven't had a increase for some years but all bill have gone up.
- No Money left over after the normal running cost if something goes wrong.

• **General Meeting 2nd April 2013 Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc**

- Fred Lehrmann felt we need to be careful we don't price our self out of business.
- As an example the newsletter was mentioned.
- Discussion was had about the cost and distribution of the news letter.
- Sally Hunt thought we could ask members if they wanted a hard copy or by email and there be a extra charge on the membership for hard copies.
- Fred Lehrmann suggested we might go back to having bi monthly newsletters rather than monthly.
- Roland brought the meeting back to topic that was being discussed about raising the fees.
- C Jagtenberg mentioned that the club fees haven't even been keeping up with the CPI increase per year like everything else.
- M Brown thought the club gave the members a lot of other options in ways of training and use of ground during the week with no further charge unlike other clubs.
- W Ganly asked if we could offer a payment type plan for members that might find it hard to come up with the extra money.
- J Shields asked his class recently if they would prefer to pay weekly for a class or have the memberships go up the majority was in favour of putting up the fees.
- B Jagtenberg moved a motion that the club puts the fees up by \$15.00 in total \$10.00 for membership \$5.00 flood levy.

Seconded J Ball Carried

- K Taylor asked if we should vote to put into place a yearly increase of CPI rather than leaving it for 5-6 years
- Take to next General Meeting. Giving members notice of vote to change.

Roland Linford.

- November 2012. Law changed for associated members.
- Those that earn less than\$ 250,000 per annum no longer need to be audited by accountant.
- Treasurer to prepare reports just like the accountant would then submit them to committee who sign them off as a far and true report and then present them to the members at the AGM.
- Still have to submit a copy to Consumer Affairs but save money on audit fees \$1000.- \$1200 per year.
- Jim Ball Moved a motion the club accept the associated body decision and no longer get a auditor to look at the books as per the new law.

Seconded W Ganly Carried

Roland Linford

- Its 2013 and we must comply with all legislation in regards to OH&S and Bullying.
- As a club we are held accountable for our members/office bearers actions
- Therefore we will be putting a something in the newsletter, on the doggie gossip and web site reminding everyone of their obligations and outlines what is bullying.
- J Shield asked for definition of what is bullying
- S Hunt offered to supply some posters promoting Brodie's Law
- Roland asked that all senior members lead by example as we are open for criticism when we don't follow the rules.
- To look into adding laws in constitution about these things

Wendy Ganly

- Asked if the Committee has taken the time to look at the new corporation act.
- Now more easy to read.
- Effects a few thing in our constitution may need to be looked at.

Elaine Longshaw

- Wanted to know why there was a hold up in getting the trial schedule on the web site and why it wasn't in the newsletter.
- Brendan said he didn't get the schedule from the trial secretary until recently.
- As Pam wasn't at the meeting it wasn't know why it never made it to the newsletter.

Meeting Closed: 9.05pm