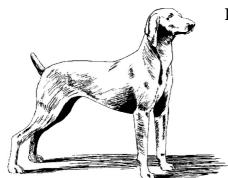
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CLUB CALENDAR

<u>April</u>

Sunday 6 April Normal training— Newsletter available.

Sunday 13 April Fun Day including presentations.

Tuesday 15 April Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc

Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday. No training.

Monday 21 April Office Closed.

Tuesday 22 April Induction night for new members

Sunday 27 April Term 2. Training commences for all Members.

<u>May</u>

Sunday 4 May Normal training

Sunday 4 May Newsletter Available

Sunday 11 May No Training Due to Seminar

Thursday 15 May Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Saturday 17May NADAC Trial Sunday 18 May Normal training.

Monday 19 May Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.

Sunday 25 May Normal training.

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Committee Report

Here is a quick rundown on what has been happening around the Club.

As of the 24th of February the Club has a balance of \$14,994.91 in the bank.

This is the Clubs 60th year and we are planning big celebrations. One being the sale of commemorative pens which can be purchased from the office for \$5.00.

The Committee has decided to amend the Heat Policy for the Club. Currently it is in line with Dogs Victoria regulations. As soon as it has been finalized all Members will be notified but I don't think it will be an issue till next year.

Recently we have been able to update the computer in the office and add another one. Due to the help of Bob Tunnicliffe who was able to get them for us at a cost of \$20.00 each. This now means that on a Monday we don't have to take turns with the computer and can therefore get more work done. Thank you Bob for getting the computers and Brendan for setting them up for us. We also have access to the internet so we can send and receive emails at the Club.

Your Instructors have been given the opportunity to attend a seminar run by prominent dog trainer, Suzanne Clothier and the Club will be subsidising the cost.

The rubberization of the Agility equipment is under way and hopefully will be completed soon. Thanks to the Agility Instructors and Members who attended the mock trials and raised the money to pay for this upgrade. Don't have a final figure as yet but it will be around \$1000.00.

The Agility Trial that was to be held on the 12th & 13th of April has been postponed till the 13th & 14th of September. This will give us more time to get the equipment up to date.

We are in negotiation with the Council to have our grounds rezoned to a sporting ground in the hope that we will be able to water the grounds and overcome the bindii problem. Fingers crossed. We have also finished paining the ceiling of the Club house. Thanks to those who put in the time and effort to get it done. We have a problem with the lighting in the hall as it is only attached to the plaster board and is not very stable. A quote to replace them with lighter weight, more efficient fittings has been obtained. So you might be seeing new ones soon.

We recently had a donation of a dog trailer which will be fixed up and sold. Thank you to Robyn & Barry Youl for their kind donation.

The Committee had given Trish permission to run extra Agility classes. These will be run on the 1st Saturday of the month and is for those dogs with issues that cannot deal with the stress on a Sunday. Due to the change of dates for the Trial the funday for this block will be on the 13th of April. The new intake/ classes will commence on the 27th of April.

The committee is happy with how the classes are running. Thanks to Wendy and her team of Instructors BUT we still need to have more Instructors, so if you are interested and feel this would be something you could do, come and see Wendy or Jim and we will get you underway.

TREASURER REPORT

RUBBERISING MATERIAL FOR AGILITY EQUIPMENT

A Cheque for \$98.12 has been drawn from the Agility Account and sent to Sandy Stockman for the freight charges of the rubber surfacing material for the Agility equipment. That completes the financial side of things so now it is up to some volunteers to do the work on the equipment.

LOCKED BOX

The signatures for the locked box at the bank have been updated. I believe that it contains a DVD of the photos of the dogs on the walls of the Clubhouse. This has not been updated for some time so the next big job is to scan the more recent photos onto this DVD or memory stick. We will need a team of helpers to assist this important work in the near future.

FAITHFULLY YOURS

Due to the rising costs of printing Faithfully Yours, the Committee has decided that those Members with access to the emailing system will not be provided with a printed copy of this publication. Printed copies can be purchased for \$2.00 from the Office and the money raised will assist with the cost of printing.

Members without access to the emailing system are entitled to a printed copy free of charge, which can be picked up at the office.

COMPUTER SYSTEM

There has been an improvement in the computer system in the office. Brendan Jagtenberg has installed an additional computer in the office to accommodate the Accounting program essential to keep our financial records for the report at the end of the financial year. This is a great development for the Club. I have commenced using the new computer and have found it to be excellent. Thank you Brendan.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership Fees have been discussed at the last Committee Meeting. We will need to have this subject on the Agenda for your consideration at the next Annual General Meeting in October.

As you know the cost of living is constantly rising. In order to avoid a large increase in club membership fees a few years down the track we need to introduce yearly increases in membership fees in accordance with the CPI. (Cost of living) Already Geelong Council has increased our leases by 3% and we can expect more increases for the general maintenance of the club. Things like power, grounds maintenance, telephone, security, and the cost of running and maintaining the office and clubhouse. On todays CPI figures the increases each year would be as little as \$1.40 to \$2.25 instead of a big increase of \$15.00 like we had to do last time.

We cannot wait any longer to do this because as it is this would not take effect until July next year. If we wait any longer we lose any benefit we have gained and run the risk of becoming financially insolvent. The increase would then need to be greater and more problematical for the members.

Kathleen Taylor Treasurer

FIVE MINUTES WITH KATHLEEN TAYLOR (TREASURER)

I was born in beautiful but very busy Sydney. I Lived in Narrandera for about 10 years when I married my first husband and had a couple of kids. After we moved back to the city rat race, we divorced and I ran my own small business for several years until I got sick of it and went back to my nursing career. I studied at Sydney University and got my Bachelors Degree in Nursing and went on to become a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Aged Care at Concord Repatriation General Hospital which is a major hospital in Sydney that provides acute care services and programs throughout NSW.

I am now over 70 and married to a wonderful man, John and we have two dogs, Monty and Jack. Monty is a black and white Kelpie X and Jack is a small black and white what looks like a Schipperke X. (Belgium Barge Dog). Both acquired from GAWS and both very energetic playing and chasing one another most of the day.

My husband and I moved to Melbourne in 2003 so I could take up a position as an Assistant Nurse Unit Manager at Austin Health in the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital specialising in aged care rehabilitation. I retired in 2007 and we moved here to beautiful Geelong and joined GODC to train our young and very active Monty. After some time I volunteered my services for a couple of years as Canteen Manager until I was elected as Treasurer almost two years ago.

It has been a privilege to be your Treasurer and I have performed my duties as well as I could without a lot of experience in this type of role. It is a complicated and demanding job but I have enjoyed the challenge.

I am now training Monty in Rally-O and hope to enter a trial this year, if I can get my head around what the signs mean. Monty is doing well but I think I need more training! Perhaps then we will get it right.

Kathleen Taylor - Treasurer

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi Members

I wish to thank you all for making the first day of training a pleasant one. I was dreading it as I thought I'd have lots of people wondering what class, where to go etc. however you were all brilliant and I was able to get to my class only a few minutes late. Wow, even Alex wasn't needed to step in for me.

Have any of you had a Light Bulb moment with your dogs. I've had a couple of LBM's in my Beginner & Beginner Revision classes. It's such a delight to see a handler's face when their dog actually does what the handler has wanted the dog to do.

No LBM's happen if the training hasn't been happening during the week. When an ad is on the TV it's a perfect time to get the dog to sit, go to the mat, watch, come as well as teaching the dog a trick.

Are you all concentrating on having your dog walk on a loose lead Are you watching that your dog isn't eyeballing another dog. If not PLEASE watch your dog. It's common courtesy to look at the instructor when they are giving you instruction however - The Instructors don't mind as long as you are watching your dog.

Are you having a particular problem with your dog, if so the club is lucky to have four, Yes 4 qualified dog trainers that will be only too glad to help you. Contact the secretary if you wish to be given a contact for one of them.

Did you know that your instructors meet on the 3rd Monday of a month to talk about how you and your dogs are going with your training. Sometimes an instructor will have problem solving a doggy situation, this is discussed and most of the time the other instructors input solves the problem. Or an instructor has made a breakthrough in getting a dog or handler to have a Light Bulb Moment, when that happens that makes all the instructors very happy as that is what we're are trying to do by teaching you to teach your dog what to do.

A number of members were very successful over the long weekend with their furry friends in gaining passes and or points towards their dogs titles and or championship title.

Some members are put through obedience training exercises or else are able to do a trial run through under the guidance of Heather Miller on Monday nights. It's a fun night with Heather trying to make us all Listen to her instructions. (Me I'm very happy in that class as it's not me getting into trouble).

A little reminder to those who've gained a title at a trial, make sure you keep a copy of your results and hand them into the office

Wishing you all many happy Light Bulb Moments

Wendy Ganly
Training Supervisor
GODC Inc

TRIAL RESULTS

Ballarat NADAC Trial Saturday Susan Axe Hector Elite Chances 1 Q Q Q Elite Chances 2 Elite Regular 1 1st Elite Regular 2 2nd Elite Touch n Go 2 1st **Sunday** Q Elite Jumpers 2 3rd 2^{nd} Elite Regular 1 O **Geelong NADAC Trial** Susan Axe Hector Elite Tunnelers 1 Elite Tunnelers 2 Elite Touch n Go 1 1st Elite Touch n Go 2 Q 2nd Elite Weavers 1 5th Elite Weavers 2 4th



NADAC Agility Event Calendar 2014

Feb. 22-23 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: Extreme Games Challenge 2 XBR, 2 XCC, 2 XGT, 2 XHP **Sun**: Extreme Games Challenge 2

XBR, 2 XCC, 2 XGT, 2 XHP

Mar. 8-10 2014 Ballarat, VIC

Sat: 2 CC, 2 Reg, 2 Tg **Sun**: 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Wv **Mon**: Extreme Games Challenge 2XBR, 2XCC,

2XGT, 2HP

Mar. 15 2014 Geelong, VIC 2 Tg, 2 Tn, 2 Wv

Mar. 22-23 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Hp (numbered) **Sun**: 2 CC, 2

Reg, 2 Tg

April. 5 2014 Geelong, VIC

Sat: 2 Hp (numbered), 2 Tn, 2 Wv, 2 XBR

April 19-20 2014 Ballarat, VIC

Sat: 2 CC, 2 Reg, 2 Tg Sun: 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Tn

May 11. 2014 Keilor, VIC 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Tn May 17 2014 Geelong, VIC 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Tn

Jun. 14-15 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: 2 CC, 2 Reg, 2 Wv

Sun: 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Hp (numbered), 2 XHP

Aug 23-24 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: 2 Reg, 2 J, 2 Tn, 2 XBR

Sun: 2 CC, 2 Reg, 2 Hp (numbered)

Sep. 13-14 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: CC, 2 Reg, J, Tg, Wv

Sun: CC, 2 Reg, J, Tg, Hp (numbered)

Oct. 4 2014 Geelong, VIC

Sat: 2 CC, 2 Reg, 2 Tn, 2 XGT

Oct. 16-19 2014 Werribee, VIC Classes: TBA

Nov. 29 - Nov 30 2014 Moorabbin, VIC

Sat: 2 Tg, 2 Tn, 2 Wv

Sun: Extreme Games Challenge 2 XBR, 2 XCC, 2

XGT, 2XHP

All event listings can be found on: http://www.nadacaustralia.com/Calendar.html

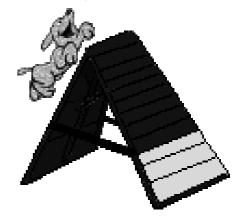
To register your dog to compete: http://www.nadacaustralia.com/Dogs.html

To keep up-to-date with NADAC information, you will need to register:

http://www.nadacaustralia.com/Forum/index.php

Facebook sites:

- NADAC in Australia



Traditional Agility

[Reg] Regular Agility Class The Regular Agility class is a numbered course that may consist of all obstacles allowed on the NADAC equipment list. Judges may choose to use some or all of the acceptable obstacles on a course.

[J] Jumpers Class The Jumpers class is a numbered course that consists of jumps and 1-2 tunnels.

[Tn] Tunnelers Class The Tunnelers class is a numbered course comprised of only tunnels.

[Wv] Weavers Class The Weavers class is a numbered course comprised of tunnels, hoops, and weave poles.

[Tg] Touch N Go Class The Touch N Go class is a numbered course comprised of contact obstacles, tunnels and hoops.

[Hp] Hoopers Class (numbered) The Hoopers class is a numbered course that consists of Hoops.

[CC] Chances Class The Chances class is a numbered course that could have any of the acceptable obstacles listed in the NADAC equipment list. The goal of the Chances class is to test the distance, directional and discrimination (DD&D) skills of the dog and handler team. The Chances course shall consist of a numbered sequence of 10-15 obstacles. In addition, the course shall include distance tests, discrimination tests, and directional tests. At each level the tests will include more difficult sequences as the dogs progress though the Novice, Open and Elite levels. On each course, the dog and handler team shall have 40 seconds to complete the course. All obstacles on the entire course must be performed cleanly (no faults) for a qualifying score.

Extreme Games Challenge

The Extreme Games Challenge (EGC) is comprised of four classes: Extreme Barrel Racing, Extreme Chances, Extreme Gaters, and Extreme Hoopers. All four classes are ground speed classes which test the handlers ability to give directional commands to the dog, while the dog is running at full speed, and the dog's ability to respond to those commands. The dogs run at speed and the handler must time their commands so the dogs can stay on course. The Extreme Games are Extreme FUN for those who wish to rise to this challenge of teamwork and communication.

The smoother and faster the teams can complete the course, the more points they can earn during the run.

The classes are scored on a time plus faults basis.

[XBR] Extreme Barrel Racing tests the dog and handler on a course that is comprised of barrels only.

[XCC] Extreme Chances tests the dog and handler on a course that has distance tests comprised of tunnels, hoops, barrels and gates.

[XGT] Extreme Gaters tests the dog at high speeds while performing a course comprised of tunnels, gates, barrels and hoops. The dog must circle the gates or barrels as directed by the course numbers between the tunnel performances.

[XHP] Extreme Hoopers is a numbered course comprised of hoops and a 'gate circle'. Part of the course is a large circle of gates and hoops in which the dog must race into and out of the circle as directed by the course design. The handler is restricted from running around the circle by restrictive 'wings', so the team is also being tested on distance skills.

Trial Judge, Wendy Napier, with GODC Members who participated in Geelong's first NADAC Agility Trial for the year."



NADAC AGILITY TRIAL

If you happened to call in at Geelong Obedience Dog Club on Saturday, 15^{th} March, you would have seen a fun filled event taking place on our grounds. This was Geelong's first NADAC agility trial for the year and a large number of GODC members took part in it. The weather was pretty typical – sun, warmth, showers , hail – but we're beginning to expect that these days and come prepared for all possibilities.

The day began at 6.30am when a band of helpers arrived to unload the equipment trailers and set up the ring for the first event. Carole and Janelle set up their headquarters in the chain ring and kept things running smoothly all day from there. This was Carole's first trial as trial secretary and I know she greatly appreciated Janelle's help and support. Prior to this event Janelle had been the NADAC trial secretary for GODC so they made a good team.

There were six events offered throughout the day and each event consisted of three levels: Novice, Open and Elite. Geelong members were to be found in each level and among the qualifiers and place getters in each.

A number of our Geelong dogs made their debut at this trial and are off to a great start. Their handlers learned a lot from the experience and, like the rest of us, would have identified areas to celebrate and areas that need further work.

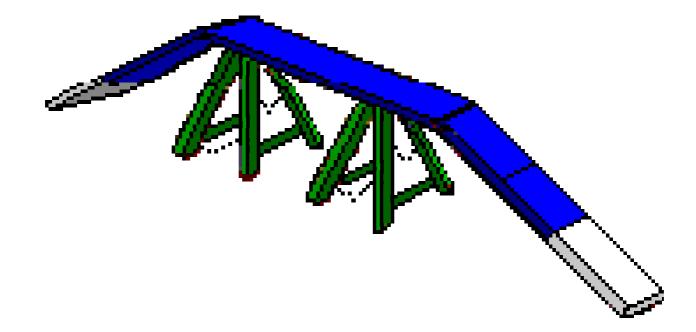
As usual, Nanette and her helpers did a fantastic job in the canteen and kept us all fed and watered. We are so lucky to have club members who, although not competing, come along to help out on trial days in so many ways. Thank you to you all!

Special thanks must go to Carole Sparks who took on the NADAC Trial Secretary's job this year. It is a huge job to undertake, especially when running two dogs as well, but her efforts meant that the rest of us were able to participate in a very well run trial close to home. Great work, Carole, and we're all looking forward to the next one.

Trish Gavaghan

Congratulations to the HIT Winners and Runners up

Novice	Heather Cain and Ned	Highest in Trial
Novice	Anne Milligan and Nell	Runner up
Open	Kelly Hall and Samson	Highest in Trial
Open	Karalyn Bell and Lady	Runner up
Elite	Shirlene Clark and Smudge	Highest in Trial
Elite	Vanessa Bridges and Bryce	Runner up



An Ode to Dogs:

The Odyssey was written by Homer [c 850 BC] in Ancient Greece. It is the most celebrated and widely read story ever told. After 20 years of travel and adventure Odysseus [Ulysses] returns home to Ithaca. His kingdom is in ruins. Presuming him dead, suitors clamour to marry his wife Penelope and claim the right to rule. As Odysseus, disguised as a beggar, walks into the courtyard of his home Argos [Ancient Greek: Faithful Dog], his hunting hound, feebly greets him then passes into the darkness of death. Argos has fulfilled his destiny of faith to wait until his master comes home.

A C13 Welsh Legend pays tribute to Gelert. Prince Llewelyn left his great hound behind to guard his son while he went hunting. When he returned Gelert, covered in blood came out of the babe's room to greet him. The cot was overturned – of the child there was no sign. Enraged and grief stricken by the dog's apparent treachery Llewelyn killed him. As Gelert lay dying at his feet he heard the wail of his son. Lying unharmed amongst the bloodstained bedding was the young prince. Also under the tangle of blankets was the dreadfully mangled corpse of a huge wolf. Gelert had saved the Prince's son only to fall victim to his master's sword. Gelert was buried with full honours. The village Beddgelert means – grave of Gelert.

We know that it Shakespeare's [1564-1616] Macbeth dogs were catalogued according to type

... as hounds, and greyounds, mongrels, spaniels, curs. Shoughs, water-rugs and demi-wolves are clept.
... Distinguishes the swift, the slow, the subtle.
The housekeeper, the hunter, everyone.
According to the gift which bounteous nature.
Hath in him closed, whereby he does receive.

[Macbeth: 3.1.101 – 7]

Lord Byron, [1788-1824] the Romantic poet, has a remote connection to Australia – he was born on January 22nd 1788 – just three days later Captain Phillip raised the British Flag at Port Jackson. Byron had a Landseer Newfoundland named *Boatswain* [pronounces Bosun] When fellow students tried to ban Boatswain from sharing Byron's Cambridge University residence he retaliated by presenting a trained bear as a candidate for a Trinity College Fellowship. The press thought the bear may well be 'the best and brightest' of all university students. Byron won. Boatswain stayed. At only five years of age the dog had a sudden fit and died on November 18th 1808. Byron had him buried in a crypt at Newstead Abbey, which he owned. On Boatswain's monument was inscribed:

Near this spot
Are deposited the Remains
Of one
Who possessed Beauty
Without Vanity
Strength without Insolence
Courage without Ferocity
And all the Virtues of Man
Without his Vices.

[Fiona MacCarthy: *Byron: Life and Legend*] Henry Lawson [1867-1922], one of our great Australian bards, immortalised the drover's dog in *The Cattle-Dog's Death*.

'The dog is dying,' a stockman said, As he knelt and lifted the shaggy head. The super's daughter we knew would chide If we left the dog in the desert wide; So we brought him far o'er the burning sand For a parting stroke of her small white hand.

Who could forget the delightful antics of Tommy, in the short story *The Loaded Dog* or the *big*, *black yellow-eyed dog-of-all-breeds* who fiercely guards his family in *The Drover's Wife?*

Patrick White [1912-1990] refused a knighthood and various other literary awards, but in 1973 accepted the Nobel Prize for literature, the first Australian to win one. That year the National Australia Day Council named him Australian of the Year.

During WWII Paddy served as an intelligence officer for the Allies in North Africa, the Middle East and Greece. He returned to Australia in 1948 with his lifetime partner Manoly Lascaris and a Schnauzer he used as a foundation stud dog at *Dogwoods* a property on the fringes of Sydney. The Schnauzer was registered without pedigree by the N.S.W. Kennel Club as *Ironsides of Erewhon* [Nowhere]. Paddy and Manoly, were pioneers of the breed in Australia. Paddy spent more time breeding Schnauzers than writing until in 1951 he went to feed the dogs and slipped in the mud.

... half-blinded by mud ... cursing a God I did not believe, I began laughing ... it was a turning point. My disbelief appeared as farcical as my fall.

In 1955 *The Tree of Man* was published. Although he and Manoly continued to breed and exhibit Schnauzers, Paddy was back on track. A fall in the rain en route to the kennels had reawakened his compulsion to write.

[David Marr: Patrick White: A Life]

Robyn Youl Librarian



Have you ever watched kids on a merry-goround?

Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed at the sun into the fading night? You better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask, "How are you"? Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed. With the next hundred chores running through your head?

You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last. Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow? And in your haste, not seen his sorrow? Ever lost touch, let a friendship die Cause you never had time to call and say, "hi" You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere. You miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day. It is like an unopened gift.... Thrown away. Life's not a race. Do take it slower. Hear the music. Before the song is over.

