Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Newsletter April 2016



"Where We Become One"

## **President's 2016 AGM Report**

With March already upon us it means that many plans for events, trials and Club activities are well underway.

Thank you to our Trial Secretaries for all their hard work and the many helpers who make these trials successful.

2015 was another very successful year due to the hard work of our Committee, Instructors and the members who have given so much help in many different ways.

Wednesdays nights have continued with a steady intake each term and our members who train on Sunday continue to improve not only in Obedience but also in Rally, Agility and Scent Work.

As a club we attended the Easter Parade and also Mia Mia. We also hosted and welcomed the Bendigo German Shepherd Club to a Rally Funday. Thank you Greg and Max for organising this and it is hoped that a Funday for Obedience will be held later this year.

The Clubrooms were given a face lift with the exterior being painted and security fly wire doors fitted. The cost of this was helped with the grant we received for \$1000 from Northern District Community Enterprise. Thank-you to Louise for submitting our application and making this possible.

Once again we were very successful with many members gaining titles in various disciplines. Congratulations and good luck for 2016.

The saying "Don't fix something if it's not broken", is a good one, but it should also say " It may not be broken but we can make it better." That's why as a Club we continue to move forward and improve our training methods, hold workshops and encourage our Members to be part of our great team.

Lets make 2016 our best yet.

Cheers,

Sandra Price

President



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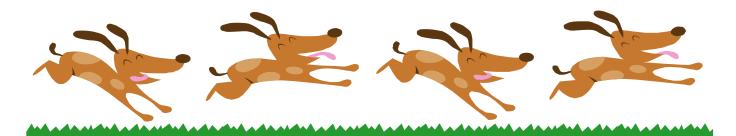
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### Remember change in training time for Term Two!

Wednesday nights: 6:30pm

Sunday mornings: 9:30am





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# SECRETARY<sup>®</sup>S 2016 AGM REPORT

A very big thank you to our Committee, Instructors and the members who have done so much in many different ways during the year. Not only does it make the job of running the club easier but it is also makes it so much more enjoyable, without you we would not exist. Thank you once again to our enthusiastic and hard-working President, Sandra Price, a great leader for the Club.

We took part in the Easter Fair procession this year after withdrawing the previous year. Well done to Greg for organising our members for the annual procession. We had a good time and it was wonderful to showcase the Club and give the public the chance to see what owing a well behaved and socialised dog can be like.

Congratulations to all our members who have been trialling during the year with lots of success. Keep it up and good luck to the ones who are entering trials for the first time this year. We held 2 Track & Search Trials this year and a Tracking Trial which were well attended and very successful. Thank you to our hard working Trial Secretaries – Denise Chrystal and Pat Lumsden. We didn't hold an Obedience, Rally O Trial or Agility Trial this year as our Trial Secretaries needed a well-deserved break. A huge thank you to all the Committee and Club members who worked so hard at the trials in so many ways.

Unfortunately, we missed out on a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings during the year despite asking for a date to hold one. We have applied again for this year so hope we are successful as it is an important fundraiser.

Once again we are very grateful to Louise who applied for a grant from the Northern District Community Enterprise to help pay for the refurbishment of our club house. The application was a resounding success and we were delighted to receive \$1,000.00 towards this project. Our refurbishment has made a huge difference to the appearance of the clubhouse. Fresh paint, repairs to rotten boards, new doors and screen doors also. It looks great. Thank you Greg for your part in all of this.

We were also involved in the Work for the Dole program for a few weeks but things didn't happen the way we were told they would when we first signed up. The lattice work around the BBQ was put up during our brief time in the program.

Heather Turpie Secretary 2015



# **BODC AGM Report**

At the AGM held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March the following people were elected to the Committee for the next year. Please feel free to approach any one of them with any suggestions you may have about the Club or if you have any concerns please make sure to tell someone on the Committee so this may be followed up. If something is worrying you and you don't say anything, then nothing can be done.

<u>PRESIDENT:</u> <u>VICE PRESIDENT:</u> <u>SECRETARY:</u> <u>ASSISTANT SECRETARY:</u> <u>TREASURER:</u> Sandra Price Sarah Crocker Heather Turpie Meredith Marshall Robyn Donovan

#### COMMITTEE:

Greg Hicks Jenny Lee Sue Taylor Chris Sharman Kim Wills Denise Chrystal Louise O'Bryen Max Donovan Tinnele Somers Sahil Verma

### **CHARITY DONATION**

Each year at the AGM a worthy cause is nominated for a donation from the Club. This year Bendigo Food Share was the nomination and we are delighted to have sent a cheque for \$200.00 to them.

### **BODC 2016 SLOGAN COMPETITION**

Congratulations to one of our junior members – Alanna Drust who won the 2016 slogan competition with her entry of "WHERE WE BECOME ONE". Well done Alanna and thank you to everyone who entered. This slogan will appear on our Newsletter, the Facebook Page, the Web site, the Trial catalogues and on the Club's letter head.

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Congratulations to Greg Hicks who was the winter of the President's Award for 2015. Greg was selected for his hard work as an Instructor, Committee Member and for organising members in our Easter Procession entry. Greg was also the driving force behind the work done refurbishing our Club Rooms.





## Graduations—Terms 1

#### **Baby Puppies**

Helen and Lola Leesa and Scout Tulli and Jazz Helena and Rollo Layla and Sam Glenda and Comet

### **Older Puppies**

Whitney, Brett and Eva Wendy, James and Hugo Karen and Bonnie Josh and Marley

#### **Beginners**

Alisha and Dellilah Helen and Finn Jess and Nelson

Advanced Beginners Sarah and Thumper

Class 1 Sherry and Poppy

<u>Class 2</u> Chantelle and Coco

Alana and Bella

Matt and Toby

Julie and Keiko

### Class 3

Cindy and Dakota

Anita and Fudge Nikki and Georgia Sarah and Elsie Rebecca and Willow Chloe and Maya Grace and Buddy

Cheryl and Ally Jacob and Buster Jillian and Locky Rachel and Boolie

Luke and Sargent Sue and Ella

Shawn and George Emma and Sid Wendy and Jess

Gary and Bruce

Josh and Juno

Kelse and Zip

Isobel and Ivy

Marie and Felix Chris and Arnie

Help Needed for upcoming events

Fun Day—April 23rd. Please chat to Sarah at training if you are able to assist.

Track and Search Trial—April 29 to May 1. Please chat to Denise at training or contact her on 5447 9708 if you are able to assist.

Tracking Trial—June 25 to 26. Please chat to Denise, Sandra or Pat at training if you are able to assist.

### Wizard Of Paws Grooming

Sue Taylor is now operating her grooming service from Greencross Vet Clinic located at

362 Napier Street, Bendigo.

Chat to Sue at training to discuss your pets needs.

Phone 5443 0044 for an appointment. Your pet will be in terrific hands!



## <u>Term 2 Calendar</u>

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm – Term 2 training starts.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am – Term 2 training starts. 10:30 am Tracking review.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10:10am – Send Away training for those interested in Class 4 & 5

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm – Instructors Meeting

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 8:00am – Fun Day Competition

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May All Day & evening – BODC Track & Search Trial

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 9:30am – instead of normal training meet at the boat house at Lake Weeroona for a walk around the lake and a coffee.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10:10am – Seek Back training for those interested in Class 4 & 5

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10:10am – Food Refusal training for those interested in Class 4 & 5

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10:10am – Dumbbell training for those interested in Class 4 & 5

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am – after training – Tracking review.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am – Graduation testing

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June NO CLASSES – Queen's Birthday weekend

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm – Graduation testing

Sunday 19th June 9:30am – Graduations and Improv Obedience morning

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6:30pm – Graduations and Last training day for Term 2

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June All day – BODC Tracking Trial at Woodstock-on-Loddon

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 am - instead of normal training meet at the boat house at Lake Weeroona for a walk around the lake and a coffee. Last training day for Term 2

### Easter Parade Report

The BODC was once again represented in the Bendigo Easter Gala Parade by a number of members. Members who were able to participate did the club proud with well behaved dogs who handled the excitement and stimulation well. Congratulations to all involved, you have done our fantastic club proud!



# What is Tracking?

#### Tracking... All dogs can do this. But be warned...... Tracking is addictive

The dog's ability to track – that is, to follow a scent trail – is well known. Man has utilised this ability for centuries. Dogs have helped the hunter to find game and food. In France and other countries, dogs hunt for exotica like truffles. Dogs have long been used by police and armed services to hunt criminals and enemy forces, and by search and rescue workers to find lost people. See the links page for more information on Search and Rescue.

Tracking is something that all dogs can do. It is a natural instinct for a dog to use this ability. From birth, a puppy makes its way to its mother's nipple for a drink. How? The puppy is born blind. It uses its sense of smell.

The dog's tracking ability is extremely acute; we still don't fully understand the dog's capabilities in this area. The dog's olfactory sense is much, much more greatly developed than humans. Dogs naturally track for food; we could call this their hunting instinct. We don't have to teach a dog to track; we use their natural instinct to teach them that we want them to follow a certain track.

In Australia, most tracking dogs and their owners are involved in tracking as a recreational sport. Many people who have trained their dogs to compete in obedience or agility trials also train them to track and then enter tracking trials where they compete for Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) titles. All types of dogs complete in these trials from toy breeds such as Cavalier King Charles Spaniels to larger gundogs and working breeds like German Shepherd Dogs and Rottweilers.

#### How do I train for tracking?

There are many ways to train a dog to track. As noted above, we are not actually teaching the dog to track. It was able to do that from birth. What we are doing is training the dog to follow a designated scent. The most common way to start in tracking is to attend a seminar or course and then form into a small self-help group to do regular training. Unlike obedience or conformation you cannot easily take group training, as the space necessary is quite large and the time taken for each dog is too great to make it viable to train more than a few dogs at a time. Hence most people find it more practicable either to do most of their training on their own or in small groups. Whichever way you train, you will be constantly surprised at the ability of the dog to track and to differentiate various scents.

#### Do I need special equipment?

Dogs are required to compete in a harness and a lead with a minimum length of 10 metres. Harnesses can vary according to preference from a simple figure 8 made with tape and D rings, to a traditional leather harness. Leads need to b 10 meters long and have a secure clip and can be made of many materials; preferably lightweight and easy to hold.





## **General Membership Information**

**MEMBERSHIP PRICES** 

New Members Joining:	
Single Membership	\$65
Family Membership	\$90
Junior Membership from 8 years of age	\$35
Returning Members:	
Single Membership	\$50
Family Membership	\$70
Junior Membership from 8 years of age	\$25

Please note these prices are for each term. Please pay your membership fee at the beginning of each term and your name tag will be updated.

### **BODC TRAINING DATES FOR 2016**

### WEDNESDAY TRAINING FOR PUPPIES, BEGINNERS AND CLASS 1

<b><u>Term 1</u></b> – Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Training		
<u><b>Term 2</b></u> – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm		
Term 3 – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	er 6:30 pm – 7:30		
<u><b>Term 4</b></u> – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Novem	ber 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm		
<u>SUNDAY TRAINING FOR CLASSES 2 – 5</u>			
<u><b>Term 1</b></u> – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 9:30 am		
<u><b>Term 2</b></u> – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30 am – 10:30 am		
<u><b>Term 3</b></u> – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30 am – 10:30 am		
<u><b>Term 4</b></u> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am – 10:30 am		
<u>All classes are invited to the Christmas break up on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u>			





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## Member Profile

### **Member: Tinnele Somers**

I live in Castlemaine and have been a member of the Bendigo Dog obedience club for about 2 years we used to train at Macedon ranges Dog club for 2 years before we joined Bendigo.

I own two Beagles and one cat Narla. We joined an obedience club after talking to other beagle owners who recommended it. We enjoy Scent work, Agility, tracking and Obedience.

We have recently started trailing under NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council- Australia division) which has been fantastic. The main difference between NADAC and Dogs Vic agility was that there was a barrier around the course that would deter even a little bit that if my dogs wanted to leave and chase a bunnies they couldn't do it so easily.

Rosie – Rosie was my first beagle and I rescued her from Pets Haven in Woodend in 2012. She was 2 and a half when I got her and an extremely timid dog. It took about 12 months for her to really trust me. All that work we have put in and today she has become a fun and loyal dog. We have only begun NADAC trials this year and in Rosie's first NADAC trail we earnt three Qualifiers and 4 first places 1 second place and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Charli – We got Charli in May of 2013, after our other Dog Zoe was given the diagnosis that her cancer had spread and it was recommended by the vet that Rosie with separation anxiety would not cope.

Charli was 8 weeks old when I saw her online and decided to go and have a look at her litter. She was one of the first ones out of the kennel.

She is the joker of the animals in our house and always causing mischief. She is very quick to learn and always up for a challenge.

She loves competing in scent work and has her first NADAC trial in two weeks' time. We have also done a couple of tracking workshops and are planning to get her into her first test this season.

These two hold a special place in my heart







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## **OBEDIENCE, RALLY & AGILITY FUN DAY**

### Saturday 23rd April

Finn St Recreation Reserve, North Bendigo

Entries Close Friday 15th April

Email entries to: <u>bendigoobediencedogclub@yahoo.com.au</u> A Paypal invoice will be emailed to you for payment

Posted entries to: Trial Secretary 59 Hopetoun St Bendigo 3550; Please make cheques out to Bendigo Obedience Dog Club

Queries: Sarah Crocker 0427 083 217 (not after 9:00pm) or above email address

Entry Fee \$5 per class (=Strategic Pairs \$2.50 per dog); Rings Start 9:30am. No check in, collect numbers before start time.

Please note: There will be NO on lead agility/jumping for the safety of the dogs. The agility ring will be enclosed by traffic safety mesh to discourage "runaways".

Dog Name:

Owner/Handler Name:

Entry for the following classes (please tick):

Obedience ON LEAD (for dogs that have not yet trialled) Obedience CCD Obedience CD/NOVICE Rally Novice Rally Advanced Rally Excellent

Strategic Pairs Partner:

Agility Novice Agility Excellent/Open Jumping Novice Jumping Excellent/Open Strategic Pairs

Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Payment \$: \_\_\_\_\_