



THE RECALL

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

"PAWS FOR TRAINING"



President's Report

Wow, what a busy term we've had!

Firstly, we held our Track and Search Trial over 3 days the first weekend in May, then on June 15th and 16th it was our Tracking Trial. Prior to the trial we held a Tracking revision day, which was well supported.

A lot of work goes into holding these events- months before, during and after. Many helpers are required from within the Club and it is great that we also receive help from many others. Thanks to you all.

Last weekend we held our annual Agility Trial. The weather was reasonably kind and the day proved to be very successful and enjoyable. Once again there were many helpers, too many to mention individually- Great work everyone.

A special Thank you to our small but hard-working group that cleaned and loaded the Agility equipment in preparation for the trial.

Looking ahead to Term 3 - it's going to be just as busy.

On July 21st we are holding a special training day to help prepare our Club members entering our Obedience and Rally Trials in August.

On July 27th it's time for our social gathering with a Christmas In July dinner.

Hoping to see lots of our regulars and some of our newer Members coming along for a good night.

A big Thank you to Sarah and Meredith as they will again be holding Beginner Agility workshop days in August and September.

As Trial Secretary for the Obedience and Rally Trials I'll be once again looking for helpers. Please let me know if you can assist in any way; even 2 hours or so will be a great help. Thank you in advance.

Cheers and happy training

Sandra Price
President

Secretary's Report

Hello everyone,

Our annual June Tracking Trial is over for another year and it was a busy but great weekend. Pat – our trial secretary and everyone involved did a fantastic job and the competitors were happy with the way the trial ran. We are very fortunate & grateful to have the use of Bill & Irene Punton's property at Woodstock on Loddon for this event, and also the local hall which provides a very comfortable and warm home base.

Our next Trial was our Agility Trial held on Saturday 13th July. It was yet again another very successful trial and due to having it only on one day with two rings it was a very laid-back day. Thank you to our Trial Secretary – Sarah – and all the club members who helped in so many ways to make it a great time.

We are now gearing up in preparation for our Obedience/Rally Trial to be held on Sunday August 18th. There will be no normal training on this day but please come along to have a look at some of the fantastic (and sometimes not so fantastic) things our dogs can do. Also, anyone who would like to help please see Sandra, you will be most welcome. Congratulations to our members who have been trialing over the last few months and have had successes. For those who missed out on passes just keep plugging away, we all know what that feels like.

Don't forget our Christmas in July celebration at the Windemere Hotel, Kangaroo Flat on Saturday July 27th. Please let Heather or a committee member know if you will be attending. It will be a fun social evening away from our "fur kids". We will have a real Christmas gathering in early December so please keep an eye out for information closer to the time. ALL MEMBERS are welcome to these social events. It is a chance to get to know each other away from club.

Heather Turpie
Secretary

Term 3 Events

Sunday July 21st – Obedience and Rally Obedience Judge Yvonne Ross will be coming to club to conduct a Rally mock trial / workshop. So, if you are keen to learn more and get ready to trial this is your chance.

Saturday July 27th – CHRISTMAS IN JULY – a night out for all members. Please see the poster in the newsletter and on the Facebook page for all the information.

Meetings – Due to the cold weather we will be holding our committee and instructors meeting on Sunday instead of Wednesday night. Sunday July 28th is a Committee meeting. Then we will have a combined Committee and Instructors meeting on Sunday 15th September.

CLUB SASHES: Each year we have 16 special sashes for club members who are trialling. They are given out to the highest qualifying score by a Bendigo member at selected trials. There are 4 for Obedience, 4 Rally, 4 Jumping, 4 Agility.

These are the trials selected for the Obedience and Rally Sashes:

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| Ballarat March 6 th | 111 km approx. 1 hr. 30 min. |
| Northern Sept 9 th | 102 km approx. 1 hr. 35 mins. (Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie) |
| Ballarat Sept 22 nd | 111 km approx. 1 hr. 30 mins. |
| Melton Sept 29 th | 122 km approx. 1 hr. 25 mins |
| Werribee Oct 19 th | 148 km approx. 1 hr. 50 min |
| Macedon Ranges Oct 27 th | 101 km approx. 1 hr. 5 mins. (Riddells Creek) |

As you can see all the trials are within two hours maximum drive and do not require an overnight stay. There are six trials to compete in to win one of four special BODC Obedience sashes and four special BODC Rally sashes. It will be a case of the first four competitors in Obedience and the first four competitors in Rally to gain the highest qualifying score of any Bendigo member competing to win a sash. No one competing at the Ballarat trial on March 6th got a qualifying score so that leaves the final five trials.

The Agility/Jumping trials are to be decided as no members are currently trialling in these events.

AGILITY INTRODUCTORY COURSE – TIMES AND DATES:

The classes will be held on Sundays at 10:30am on 11th August; 25th August; 1st September & 8th September. Classes will be approx. 2 hours each session. It is expected that participants are available to help set up and pack up equipment. Please see the flyer in this Newsletter for all the information needed to become involved.

TRIAL & SPECIAL DATES 2019

SUNDAY 18th August – Obedience & Rally Trial. No training. Helpers needed. Spectators welcome.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER – Christmas break-up 8:30 – 10:00. All welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more about trialling or are able to help out at these events, please chat to a committee member to gain more information. Volunteers are vital for the successful running of our trials so your help, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

Membership Prices (Per Term)

| New Membership | | Membership Renewal | |
|----------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Junior | \$40 | Junior | \$25 |
| Adult | \$70 | Adult | \$50 |
| Family | \$95 | Family | \$70 |

We now have EFTpos facilities. However, if you are paying in cash, please endeavour to have the correct amount or as close to as possible as we keep very minimal change on the premises.

GRADUATIONS TERM 2 2019

BABY PUPPY TO OLDER PUPPY

Hannah Sidebottom & Tom Thorn & Lewie
Tara Delmenico & Hollie
Anthony Richardson & Elysia Annink & Louie

Jan Jason & Bonnie
Teaghan Perryman & Casper

OLDER PUPPY TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Breanna McNeill & Blannin
Emma Tait & Coco
Don & Pam Arthur & Billy
Matt Young & Emma Lewis & Henry
Lyda Santos & Rupert
Brittany McCarthy & Ginger

Phillipa Read & Francene Bullen & Marco
Anthony Golding & Roxy
Adam & Kylie Donald & Toto
Anna Igoe & Matt Anderson & Murphy
Byron Maitke & Sheba
Jorge Restrepo & Nellie

BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Angela Parker & Moss

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Tayla Millard & Chet
Di Boyle & Solo

Michelle Rhodes & Larry
Deneale Perkins & Ruben

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 2

Naomi Shellie & Luna

CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2

Jenny McDonald & Karen Mansfield & Ayva
Josh Sloane & Roxee
Ken & Trish Rodger & Sultan

Beresford Vardy & Megg
Daniel Sharman & Laura Mow & Tommy



Congratulations everyone on your commitment to your dogs!

Meeting Schedule 2019

Committee and Instructor meetings are held at our Clubrooms at the Finn St Recreation Reserve at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month after training, except for December.

All members are most welcome to come to the meetings to observe and/or address the committee. If you want something discussed, please let the secretary know so your item can be added to the agenda. If possible, please do this a week before the meeting date, unless it is something urgent at the last minute.

Sunday July 28th – Committee Meeting

Sunday 15th September – Combined Committee and Instructors Meeting

Wednesday 20th November – Committee Meeting

December – No Meetings

BODC TRAINING DATES FOR 2019

WEDNESDAY TRAINING FOR PUPPIES 3 months to 8 months, BEGINNERS AND CLASS 1: Training 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Term 3: Wednesday 17th July – Wednesday 18th September

Re- enrolments the second Wednesday of Term

Term 4: Wednesday 9th October – Wednesday 27th November

Re- enrolments the second Wednesday of Term.

SUNDAY TRAINING FOR CLASSES 2 – 5: Term 2-4 9:30am – 10:30am

Term 3: Sunday 21st July – Sunday 22nd September - 9:30 am – 10:30 am

****Sunday 18th August NO TRAINING – BODC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL**

Term 4: Sunday 6th October – Sunday 1st December - 9:30 am – 10:30 am

There will be other activities during each term – these are in the planning stage.

All classes are invited to the Christmas break up on Sunday 1st December 8:30 – 10:00 am

The first night of term is an enrolment night for all new members so new members please do not bring your dogs that night. PLEASE BRING YOUR DOG'S VACCINATION CERTIFICATE THE NIGHT YOU ENROL, OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND TRAINING UNTIL IT IS SIGHTED AT THE OFFICE.

The Changing Relationship with our Dog

As dog owners, we need to recognise when the communication between us and our dogs changes or begins to fail. About 6 months ago I found that Mac no longer reacted reliably to my call if he was away from me. I started paying more attention to this and fairly quickly discovered he could be 1 or 2m away with his back to me and if I talked to him, I would get no reaction. Not even an ear twitch towards the noise. Mac was losing his hearing – our communication link was broken.

I had to find a way to communicate with him. After making sure there was no medical reason for his hearing loss apart from old age, I got a number of different pitched whistles to find out what pitch of sound he could still hear best. As it turned out, lower pitches were better, and we have ended up with a hunter's Wood Duck call.

No matter how much training or well-trained your dog is, it is then back to basics of training... This new noise means nothing to the dog and has no association with it. Mac hears it, but what does it mean to him? Nothing. I had to teach him that this noise meant something. For him it was to replace "this way" on off lead walks in the bush. "This way" was not a recall but asking to check in with me to see where I was and go in the same direction. On our walks it is normal that the dogs are out front sniffing and I used it if they had headed off along a track, but I was turning onto a different track for our walk.



We started at home inside (minimal distraction) to create a positive behaviour association I wanted. Whistle sound = treat. The behaviour I was after was to look towards me. Whistle treat... whistle, treat. Once this was 100% inside the house we expanded to the back yard, then when we were out walking. Outside with lots of distractions, initially I only used it with the dogs fairly close to me and when they were just walking and not focused on a specific sound or smell (easier for them to succeed).

After 6 months of training multiple times a week as part of our regular walks, I can now communicate reliably with Mac again when he is off lead on a bush walk. Yes, it has taken time and effort, but so worth it. I can now be confident that Mac will

hear the "call" and check in with me so that we can continue to enjoy our off-lead bush walks for more time yet.

AGILITY TRIAL 2019

Saturday the 13th of July saw the Club host its annual agility trial. As always, the weather was on everyone's mind in the week leading up to the event. Winter trialling can be absolutely beautiful or very nasty. We had sunshine, lots of dry time and just a couple of showers, making the running of the day so much more enjoyable for all involved.

We had competitors attend from across the state with some beautiful smooth successful runs, but also lots of funny "oops" moments when handlers didn't have perfect timing in guiding their dog around the course.

A very big thank you has to go to all of the helpers who volunteered their time in the preparation and running of a great trial. Many of the competitors commented that they come to our trial because it runs so smoothly and is a fun and relaxed atmosphere. This is what we are all about – going out and having fun with your dog. Make the training fun, make the competing fun whether you "win" the class or not.

Check out the photos.... both handlers and dogs are having FUN! Big dogs, small dogs – Agility is a sport that ANY breed or mix breed dog can do.

And remember, if you want to learn more about agility, what is involved and how to train your dog (and yourself!), we have our Introduction to Agility course running this term. See the information and sign-up sheet on the second last page of this newsletter.





BODC CHRISTMAS IN JULY

WHERE: *WINDEMERE HOTEL KANGAROO FLAT.*

WHEN: *SATURDAY JULY 27th.*

TIME: *6:00 PM*

ALL MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE LET HEATHER OR SANDRA KNOW BY MONDAY 22nd IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND. COME AND ENJOY A SOCIAL GET TOGETHER AND A BIT OF FUN.



| Committee & Office Bearers | | |
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| Assistant Treasurer | Chris Sharman | |
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| Club Mascot | Mutley | |

Reminders:

***Club Phone:** We now have a club mobile phone. Call 0497 242 667 for all queries.

***Signing prior to class:** it is essential for safety reasons we know who is in class. Please ensure you sign in prior to starting class each session. This also helps us keep track of people's attendance and those eligible for graduation.

***Mobile Phones:** Please refrain from using your mobile phone in class. If you are expecting an important call, please inform your instructor and if the call occurs, remove yourself from the class prior to answering. Check with the instructor prior to re-joining the class so you are aware of what is happening within the class.

***Footwear:** For safety reasons, please ensure you are wearing sturdy, closed in footwear at all times. Thongs and high heels are not appropriate and unsafe for class and you may be asked not to take part for your own safety.

***Parking:** Please use common sense when parking. Parking behind the clubhouse is restricted to committee members and instructors. Please keep roadways clear to ensure ease of access for all using the carpark. You will need to park on the road if the carpark is full.

***Give Me Space:** Please remember to give other members and their dogs who are wearing a yellow high-vis vest space before and after class as well as during training. Please show your respect and support for these handlers by following this as they work hard to help their dogs overcome their barriers and one negative interaction can undo weeks of hard work.

***Dogs are to be on lead at all times** unless instructed to be off lead by an instructor. Off lead play before or after class needs to occur on the tennis courts or in the puppy pens. While your dog may be okay, it may be causing stress or over excitement for other dogs or be an unnecessary distraction for people who are still working with their dogs.

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Rules



The following Rules of the Bendigo Obedience Dog Club have been adopted for the benefit and safety of all club Members and apply to everyone during training and at any function organised or participated in by the club.

1. Membership tags are to be worn at training, if you don't have it you need to go to the office for a temporary one or if it is lost purchase a new one. It helps the instructor to get to know you and your dog's name and is proof of your membership.
2. Please be on time for class. If you are less than 15 minutes late please wait until invited by the instructor to join the class. No entry to class 15 minutes after the start, so please don't come late.
3. All dogs must be immunised. Proof of vaccination is required when joining.
4. Bitches in season are not permitted at training until 21 days after the first sign of season.
5. Dogs not permitted off lead, unless under the supervision of an instructor.
6. All droppings are to be removed immediately by handler and placed in bins provided. Please take a plastic bag to class.
7. Dogs must not be left unattended in cars during hot weather.
8. Dogs suffering from any contagious disease or illness, or who have associated with a dog suffering from a contagious disease must not be brought to the training grounds until at least three weeks after contact and/or cleared by vet.
9. Classes are non-smoking and mobile free. Please make sure you phone is on silent.
10. Sensible footwear should be worn, thongs are not permitted in class. Please avoid loose flapping clothes that will dangle near the dog.
11. If you wish to use Club equipment, help put it out and away.
12. Should any member wish to lodge a complaint, or request clarification regarding Committee's management of club affairs and/or the conduct of the weekly training classes, such complaint or request for clarification must either be made verbally at the next general meeting, or be made in writing, to be tabled at the next General Meeting.
13. Be aware and respect our yellow "Give Me Space" vests. Always ask permission to approach another member's dog and when socialising on lead make it one on one.
14. Do not approach dogs that are tethered or crated.
15. Before and after class a maximum of 4 dogs running together in each of the puppy pens. Take the larger dogs to the tennis courts. Owners must be with them, at all times.
16. Instructors have the authority to request any person ignoring club rules to leave the training ground/club rooms or club event.

Introductory Agility Course

Commencing Sunday 11th August 2019

Requirements to participate:

- Dog needs to have a reliable distracted recall as most work is off-lead.
- Flat soft collar ONLY to be used.
- Minimum age of dog is 12 months
- Dogs less than 18 months of age may be restricted in some activities due to the impact on soft bones/joints. This is to prevent injury to growing dogs.

Course Outline:

The course will work on establishing the foundations of agility including basic handling skills and the safe execution of equipment.

Course Dates/Time:

The classes will be held on Sundays at 10:30am on the following dates.

August 11th

August 25th

September 1st

September 8th

Classes will be approx. 2 hours each session. It is expected that participants are available to help set up and pack up equipment.

Participation:

Class size is limited to 8 dogs & handlers. If you wish to participate, please complete the below enrolment form and return to Sarah Crocker or via the Club office with payment.

All participants are required to assist in the set up and pack up of the equipment each week.

Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Age: _____

Contact number: _____

Email Address: _____

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