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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

December 2017

KODC XMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

All Classes will commence at 9.00am and finish at 10am

Come dressed in your best Christmas outfit!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

10.15am – Presentations to Club Members who have achieved titles through the year

11.15am – Xmas Party, with special appearance by Santa!

KODC AGM

The KODC Annual General Meeting will be held on

**THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER,
8.00PM**

KNOX OBEDIENCE CLUBHOUSE

**** ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME ****

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP
CARD AS IDENTIFICATION**

CONGRATULATIONS TO NOVEMBER CLASS 3 PASSUPS



REMINDER: Club starts back on the first Sunday in February (4th Feb 2018)

KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
(Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.)
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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



TICKETS \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Drawn on 10th December 2017 at Xmas Party.
Tickets can be purchased from the Kitchen.

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| 1st Prize | A Good Guys voucher to the value of \$200 |
| 2nd Prize | Portable Dog crate & folding bed. \$85 |
| 3rd Prize | Portable Dog crate & folding bed. \$85 |

And lots of other prizes.

We only have one club raffle a year, please support us.
Please print your name and phone number on the Ticket stub



Working Bee - Sunday 21st January 2018 9am

WE NEED AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE



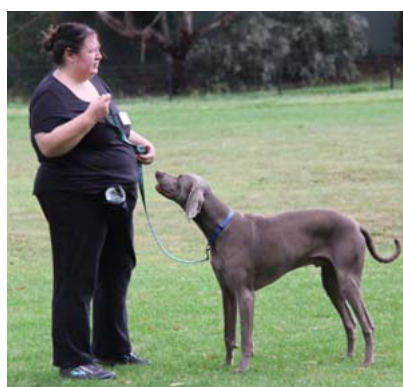
PLEASE come along and give us a hand at the first working bee for 2018!
There's plenty to be done!

We desperately need some support to keep our club house looking great

If you think you can spare just an hour or two, we'd love your help to tidy up our club house! A sausage sizzle is on for lunch. Your help would be appreciated.

Cleaning the roof,
Cleaning up the sticks & bark around the clubhouse
Cleaning and checking equipment.
Restocking the fridges (drinks)

Cutting up dog treats.
Cleaning windows inside.
Dusting
Cleaning up the breeze way.



ABOUT PAWPRINT

Pawprint, our monthly newsletter is full of information, training tips and important news about club happenings. Pick up your copy on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month - they are found on the counter at the club kitchen or the sign-up office window.

THE TEAM

Luke Kenny
Christine Devlin
Marta McKenzie
Nola Williams
Kristy Proudlock
Norman Morcom

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KODC NEWEST INSTRUCTORS

Knox Obedience Dog Club is proud to introduce you to our newest instructors.

Julz, Rose, Susan & Tash have all graduated the Instructors Course, and have chosen which classes they would like to teach. It is great to see our members willing to take the next step and make a commitment to the Club.

As a volunteer organisation, KODC depends on those special people who want to make a contribution to their community. By providing their time, commitment, enthusiasm and knowledge, our trainers are making a difference.



Susan - Agility



Julz - Beginners



Tash – Class 2



Rose – Advanced Puppies

We are still looking for club members who have trained a dog to Class 3 or Class 4 standard and who are interested in becoming a club Instructor in 2018. The KODC Instructors Course will involve:

Theory lessons

- Positive Reinforcement techniques
- Command, Correction, Praise techniques
- Dealing with handlers
- Planning your lessons
- Basic behavioural problems
- Equipment (What we use, how to use it)

Supervised Practical training

The practical training consists of spending several lessons in each class (Baby Puppies, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4), the first couple of classes observing, and then assisting the instructor in teaching the exercises, and expanding to running the classes under supervision.

The course takes between 6 to 12 months to complete (depending on your availability).

The course is only applicable to Obedience instructing, up to Class 4 level, further training is required to instruct in Obedience Ring Work, Rally, Agility or the Foundation class.

On completion of the course, trainees are tested by the Supervisor of Training and at least one other Panel Member. The test consists of your knowledge of the Club rules followed by practical sessions instructing in Baby Puppy and Class 2 to demonstrate your ability to teach to the required standard. Once you have passed your instructors test, you will be able to select which classes you would like to teach.

If you are interested, please ask your instructor, or any committee member for further information.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

I have decided to vacate the position of Kitchen Manager as from the 10th December after some 15+ years. My reason are 2 fold, one I would like to train my dog Phoenix in Rally and the other reason is my family would like me home some Sundays so I can enjoy the grandchildren.



So I need to say a very big thank you to Margjie Morren who is also retiring from the kitchen, and my sister Wilma.

Also to John, our Chef at the BBQ.

Thank you to the members who have jumped into help out in the kitchen, making coffee, getting drinks, and helping cut up dog treats. You all have made the job a lot easier, and I hope to chat with on the training ground in 2018. Whoever takes up the position of Kitchen manager, please remember to give the puppies that come to the window a biscuit. Especially Bree.

Wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas, and a healthy 2018.

Margaretha Hovens with 'Phoenix'

P.S. Oh forgot to say thank you to Bryce for all your help.

"My name is "Pep", affectionately called "Pepe " by my friends.

Three Titles - I am so clever! Time now for a well earned rest before it starts again in February and more specifically March in Bairnsdale.

My Mum doesn't train me enough but I'll try and change this over the holidays. She cannot expect me to keep achieving (with enthusiasm) if she doesn't put in the effort! Unfortunately she cannot run properly (certainly not what I would call "running") but she and I have many wonderful friends who have helped - Martha, Bianca, Geraldine, Alois and Norm - and I would like to thank them very much.



It is wonderful to have "Titles" but the pressure of trialling appears to have got to me and I must say I have lost some of my "zip"!



My Mum has spent around three years trying to stop me "zooming ", making up my own courses and generally being out of control, which of course was such fun! So I don't enjoy myself as much as I used to and have decided to slow down, which means my friends have to "drag" me along! Who would have ever thought?

Anyway, I will be refreshed after a holiday and will try to do my best for my friends -which will be harder now that I am in "Masters "!

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

'Pepe'

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

*Dear Santa
I've been good all year!
OK, most of the year.
Maybe once in a while.
Never mind, I'll get my own present.*

Thank you everyone for helping with Obedience Ring Work, particularly Gordon, Tim, Geoff, Urs, Jack, and David and Bryce for being ready to lend a hand.

We learned, cheered at success, shared disappointments, but most of all, we helped each other.

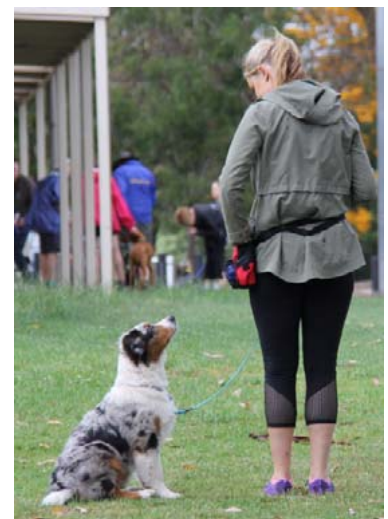
To our regular handlers, thank you for your friendship. I have learned many things from you.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
PROSPEROUS 2018 YEAR



Marta McKenzie with
'Mac' & 'Georgia'

AROUND THE GROUND



OBEDIENCE & TRACKING NEWS

BAIRNSDALE OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL



Marta & 'Georgia'
1st & 3rd place in UD

GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL



Dianne & 'Mickey'
Track & Search Grand Champion

SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL



Gordon & 'Alice'
Novice Obedience Title



Dave & 'Dash'
Rally Novice Title



Nola & 'Saphy'
Rally Novice pass



Chris & River
Rally Excellent Title

TRACKING CLUB VICTORIA PRESENTATION AWARDS



From September to December this year, there were agility trials on 10 of 12 consecutive Sundays. As all our instructors trial their own dogs, it meant there have been no agility classes some Sunday mornings while, on other Sundays, classes have operated with few instructors. Thanks goes to those instructors who have foregone various trials in order to provide classes.

GAMES TRIALLING

We went to a special trial run by the Frankston club on the last weekend in November. It was devoted entirely to Agility Games.

The agility games are Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs. They give participants more freedom to decide which obstacles to attempt, and which order to do them in, while allowing some mistakes without serious penalty.

Games events are intended to have a greater fun component. The runs often become humorously shambolic as participants attempt to reorder their sequencing to recover from an error.

Laughter is compulsory. After all, the whole idea of agility, and especially agility games, is to have fun with your dog.

Part of the secret of success in games is being able to think quickly, and knowing the ways to recover from unplanned difficulties. So we spend some Sunday classes practicing games techniques.

This is one of the reasons KODC members did so well at the trial.



Nick had GREAT success with 'Lady' and 'Maimie'



Alois helped Anne running 'Baxter' and 'Mimi'



Margaret and 'Lucille' even won a jump in the raffle



Nola guided speedy 'Pearl'



Tracey's diminutive 'Daisy' starred



Denise and 'Bella' were successful

Rhonda Williams with Gr Ch/Dual Ch(T) Injitali Intriguing Tale TSDX

Track & Search Test 8 GSDCV 27/10/2017

Rhonda Williams with Dual Ch (T) Gr Ch Injitali Intriguing Secret TSD

Track & Search Test 6 GSDCV 27/10/2017

Nola Williams with Bonola Silver Sapphire

Rally Novice Southern ODC 18/11/2017

David Devlin with Dash

Rally Novice Werribee ODC 21/10/2017 2nd Place

Rally Novice Werribee ODC 21/10/2017 3rd Place

Rally Novice Southern ODTC 18/11/2017 Title RN

Christine Devlin with Kiriell The Lady of the Lake RA CCD TD

Rally Excellent OTEC 16/04/2017

Rally Excellent Ballarat DODC 24/09/2017 1st Place

Rally Excellent Knox ODC 30/09/2017 1st Place

Rally Excellent Werribee ODC 21/10/2017 1st Place

Rally Excellent Southern ODTC 18/11/2017 1st Place Title RE

Gordon Parsons with Khayoz Steal a Kiss

Novice Obedience Southern ODC 18/11/2017 3rd Place Title CD

Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO SPDM GDX SDX

Masters Agility Warrnambool DTS 04/11/2017 1st Place

Masters Agility Warrnambool DTS 04/11/2017

Mater Jumping K9 Agility 18/11/2017

Master Jumping K9 Agility 19/11/2017 3rd Place

Master Jumping K9 Agility 19/11/2017 2nd Place

Open Jumping K9 Agility 18/11/2017 2nd Place

Lisa Neil with Austogo Bare Necessities

Novice Jumping K9 Agility 15/04/2017 1st Place

Novice Jumping Frankston DOC 13/05/2017 1st Place

Novice Jumping Moorabbin ODC 01/07/2017 1st Place

Novice Jumping Dogs Vic 02/09/2017 1st Place

Novice Jumping Knox ODC 28/10/2017 1st Place Title JD

Margaret Keil with Ch Aukero Limited Edition GD JD AD

Novice Strategic Pairs Gippsland ODC 12/11/2017 2nd Place

Martha Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO SPDM GDX SDX

Masters Agility Gippsland ODC 12/11/2017

Norman Morcom with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA JDX GD AD

Excellent Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	1 st Place	Title SPD
Novice Strategic Pairs	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	2 nd Place	

Susan Witty with Pep CD RE SD ADX JDX

Masters Jumping	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	1 st Place
Novice Gamblers	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	

Tegan Smith with Pippin ADX JDX SPD

Masters Jumping	Knox ODC	28/10/2017	3 rd Place	Title GD
Masters Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	04/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Masters Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	04/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Masters Agility	Warrnambool DTS	04/11/2017	3 RD Place	
Master Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Novice Gamblers	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	2 nd Place	

Tracey Beresford with Daisy JDM ADX SPD

Masters Agility	K9 Agility	18/11/2017	
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WHAT IS A TITLE

by Marta McKenzie

A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. The dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted. A title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

A Title says that you loved your dog; that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that this dog with a Title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, a volume of praise in one small set of initials before and after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect given and received permanently.

DUMBBELL RETRIEVE

by Marta McKenzie

Retrieve of the dumbbell is an optional exercise in Novice Obedience, and a mandatory exercise in Open Obedience.

Dumbbells are made of wood or plastic. Both are acceptable by ANKC rules. It is up to the handler to decide which one. Some dogs do not like the taste of plastic; others will chew on the wood.



The size of the dumbbell has to be in proportion to the size of the dog. When the dumbbell is too large and the bells are high, they can interfere with the dog's vision. Consider the thickness of the dowel to length of dog's muzzle. When the dumbbell is too small, the dog's lips can get pinched, rub on nose and it can be difficult for the dog to pick up cleanly.

The correct position of the dumbbell is held behind the canine teeth; otherwise the dog may roll it back or chew it.

Dogs have to learn how to take the dumbbell when offered by the handler, how to hold the dumbbell, how to pick up dumbbell correctly by the bar, and deliver to handler.

There are many methods to teach the dog how to take the dumbbell.

One is to hold the dumbbell by the end and wait until the dog takes an interest and looks at it, then touch it with the muzzle and gradually put his mouth around dowel and hold it. I reward each step. Once the dog understands how to hold the dumbbell, the next step is to put it on the ground and give a command to take it. The last step is to throw the dumbbell and command the dog to fetch it and deliver to the handler.

The main problems with the dumbbell retrieve arise when the dog chews, refuses to pick up, drops it on the way or plays with the dumbbell. Each problem needs a chapter to find a solution.

Training your dog to retrieve a dumbbell requires patience and time.



Knox Obedience Dog Club Membership Fees

Juniors (10-16 years)	Yearly Fee \$30 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$55
Single Adult (17 years and over)	Yearly Fee \$50 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$75
Family Unit (2 Memberships included) Additional Memberships (Adult \$20, Junior \$10)	Yearly Fee \$80 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$105
Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$30 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$45
Dual Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$50 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$65

*Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to have control of a dog in any of the classes.

Note: Joining Fee is paid for the first year only, or if membership has not been renewed within 21 days of the due date. The financial year begins on the 1st November and ends on the 31st October

REDUCED FEES APPLY for new memberships after mid year. See Office Staff for details.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

CLUB RULES

No bitches in season permitted on or near the training ground.

No dogs allowed on the ground without a lead, unless under the supervision of an Instructor.

No children other than child handlers permitted on the training ground.

No smoking is permitted while attending class, in the clubhouse, under the covered area outside the Clubhouse, or within 5 metres of any active Class.

No hitting a dog, except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.

Unless crated, Dogs are not to be:

- left unattended,
- tied to a car,
- tied to any Clubhouse structure,
- left in the Clubhouse, or
- left in the care of children under 10 years old.

Instructors may secure their dogs as they deem appropriate while instructing.

Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse, excluding areas set aside for the preparation or serving of food, except on such days as Committee considers inappropriate. No dogs are to be left in the Office, except those belonging to the Club members working there.

Dog droppings to be cleaned up **immediately**.

Handlers must be a **financial member** of the club to attend training and use of the club facilities.

All members must wear their current membership card while attending training.

Any dog showing visible signs of any **disease** or **injury** will be asked to leave the training ground and to seek veterinary advice.

A dog that has bitten, or in the opinion of the training panel shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people, **must** be muzzled.

Members have the right of appeal against muzzling if it can be proved, beyond doubt, that the dog was provoked.

Removal of a muzzle will be decided by the committee, at the recommendation of the Training Panel.

YELLOW BANDANAS

The Knox Obedience Dog Club has available Yellow Bandanas to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

The reason for needing one could be:

- Nervousness
- Recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing)
- Unsociable to people or other dogs

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

If you feel your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana. Please return them when you have finished, so that other dogs can have their turn.

AVOID DOGS TIED UP AND IN CRATES

You may have noticed that some members and instructors who use the Competition Obedience and Agility rings leave their dogs unattended, either in a crate or tied up, while they are working or helping other members.

Also, some instructors tie their dogs up to the goal posts whilst they are teaching a class.

PLEASE AVOID LETTING YOUR DOG APPROACH ANY DOG THAT IS LEFT UNATTENDED.

SUNDAY TRAINING TIMES

8:30-9:30am	First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)
9:45-10:45am	Second Session (Baby Puppies, Beginners, Advanced Puppies & Class1)
From 8:30am	Obedience Trial Work
From 8:30am	Rally-O Trial Work
8:15-9:00am	Agility Advanced Trial Work
9:05-9:45am	Agility Intermediates
9:50-10:30am	Agility Beginners
10:50-11:40am	Foundation

KODC COMMITTEE 2017

President	Trevor May
Vice President	Margaretha Hovens
Vice President	Luke Kenny
Treasurer	Vicki Reid
Club Secretary	John Nielsen
Ass. Secretary	Megan Pepprell

General Committee Members

David Thorn	Nola Williams
Debra Cartledge	Norman Morcom
Henk Morren	Patricia Roberts
Kirsten Petersen	Susan Witty
Martha Schnider	



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www.facebook.com/knoxodc

TRAINING CALENDAR

DEC	2017		
Sunday	3	Normal Training	NO AGILITY TRAINING
Tuesday	5	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Thursday	7		KODC AGM
Sunday	10	Normal Training	KODC XMAS PARTY
JAN	2018		
Sunday	21		Working Bee & BBQ
FEB	2018		
Sunday	4	Normal Training	
Tuesday	6	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	11	Normal Training	
Tuesday	13	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	18	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	20	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	25	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	27	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
MARCH	2018		
Sunday	4	Normal Training	
Tuesday	6	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	11	Normal Training	
Tuesday	13	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	18	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	20	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	25	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	27	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	

INSTRUCTORS 2017

Supervisor of Training – David Thorn

Agility - Norman, Alois, Sue, Wendy

Obedience Ring Work - Marta, Tim, Gordon

Rally Obedience -

Tracking - Trevor

Foundation - Alois, Sue, Christine, Norman

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia

Advanced Puppy – Peter, Rose

Beginners - Kristy, John, Julz

Class 1 - Bob, Warwick

Class 2 – Mark, Tash

Class 3 - John, Peter

Class 4 – Kristy

