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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

February 2018

CONGRATULATIONS

2017 AWARD WINNERS



Highest Achiever
Highest Scoring Agility
Highest Scoring Obedience



Chris & 'River'
Alois & 'Chlo'
Tim & 'Zuri'

WELCOME BACK!!

TWILIGHT TRAINING

Tuesday nights

Obedience: 7pm

Agility:

Session 1: 4:45-6:15pm

Session 2: 6:15-7:30pm

(must help packup or setup)

All classes welcome to attend

Please wear your
membership badge

POSITION VACANT: CANTEEN MANAGER

The club will pay for any
candidate to gain their Food
Handling Certificate.

The canteen operates most
Sunday mornings from
Feb to Dec.

Without a Canteen Manager we
have no coffee in the mornings!

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KODC XMAS PARTY 2017



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.

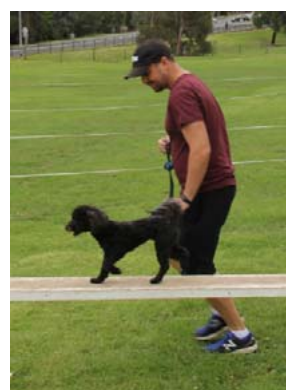
THE TEAM

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

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KODC XMAS PARTY 2017



THE NATIONALS COME TO MELBOURNE

So we're back from a Christmas break all well rested, are we? Not so say many of our agiliteers. With "The Nationals" coming up in April, many have instead been "well exercised" rather than "well rested" while training themselves and their dogs for the big occasion. The Australian National Agility Trial (aka The Nationals) is a big event held every two years. Each State takes turns in hosting it. This time it's Victoria's turn.

It will run over five days in April at the sprawling KCC Park complex owned by Dogs Victoria in Cranbourne. There'll be five days of agility with eight rings running almost continuously. There'll be hundreds of dogs and handlers from interstate and New Zealand.

TEGAN & PIPPIN IN VICTORIAN STATE TEAM



Extra big congratulations to Tegan Smith with Pippin who have been selected in the Victorian State Team to compete at the Agility Nationals. As well as many events for individual dogs at The Nationals, there's a special event where State Teams compete against each other. There are only 6 places on each team and dozens of the best dogs and handlers in Victoria tried out for selection. The selection process involved a rigorous series of trials last November and December.

MINI DOG WITH MAXI PERFORMANCE

Meryl Birchall and her little toy poodle Raulf are developing a formidable reputation in Open Agility and Open Jumping events. They amassed a string of first and second placings during the last 3 months of 2017. An Open Agility event is arguably the hardest to succeed at. All the apparatus is in the course, there's a section where the handler has to instruct the dog from a considerable distance, and all dogs, be they big, little, newbie or expert all compete against each other with the same time limit. In an event where bigger dogs traditionally dominate the placings, Raulf is showing that size doesn't matter.



UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS

So now to mention a couple of recent unusual happenings at our Sunday classes.

One concerned Nicci's Chihuahua, Minnie, whose size very much befits his name. He's small even by chihuahua standards! He can also be reluctant to jump. Minnie's jump height is 200mm, the lowest possible. Even so, he surprised us when, at full speed, he simply ran under the bar.

Our second unusuality (if that's not a real word, it should be) was a beginner dog starting agility although it is totally deaf. That means many of our conventional training procedures and verbal commands are useless. However we are able to use an agility handling system developed in Europe particularly for deaf dogs. So whatever limitation you think your dog may have, agility may still be feasible.

OUR TOP PERFORMERS FOR 2017

One of the highlights of our Christmas Party each year is the announcement of our club's highest scoring dogs at trials during the year.

For 2017, the perpetual trophy for overall Highest Scoring Dog in Agility (including Jumping and Games) was awarded to Alois Schnider and his border collie Chloe. Not only did they collect a mountain of competition passes, with many first places, but they were also selected for the Top Dog jumping event at the Victorian State Trial. Victoria's 10 best jumping dogs over the year are selected to compete in that prestigious event.

The special awards for individual disciplines, were well shared. This is an indication of the depth of talent we have in our agiliteers.



Highest scoring dog in Excellent Agility went to Tegan Smith with Pippin.



Highest scoring dog in Novice Agility went to Norm Morcom with Pearl.



Highest scoring dog in Masters Jumping went to Alois Schnider with Chloe.



Highest scoring dog in Excellent Jumping went to Nola Williams with Pearl.



Highest scoring dog in Novice Jumping went to Lisa Neil with Dusty.

The Stay command is often associated with positions like Sit, Stand and Down. A 'Stay' means do not move from that position until the handler returns and gives the dog a release word, like 'OK' or 'free'. By repeated use of 'stay', the dog will learn that Stay means physically stay in that position until released. If we do not release the dog from the stay, the dog will get confused and may break next time.

A stay can be used in all kinds of situations, such as waiting at doors, staying inside the car until released, staying still on the scales at the vets office, and sitting nicely for a photo.

In obedience, we use Stay commands for group stays in both the Sit and Down positions, and in the Stand For Examination.

Community Companion Dog class requires the dog to stay off lead for a 1 minute sit stay and a 2 minute down stay. Handlers give the stay command, move about 5 metres and face the dogs. The Judge will order 'Return to your dog', where you walk back to your dog. The dog must remain in the starting position, until the Judge indicates 'Exercise finished'.

Novice class requires the dog to stay off lead for a 1 minute sit stay and a 3 minute down stay. The Handlers will move about 10m from the dog.

Open class requires the dog to stay off lead for an out of sight 3 minute sit stay and an out of sight 5 minute down stay.

Utility class requires the dog to stay off lead for an out of sight 5 minute down stay.



CROYDON OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

The last obedience and Rally trial of the year is held at Croydon Obedience Dog Club. It's the last chance to get that elusive title, so it is a popular event on the trialling calendar.



Nola & 'Saphy' gained their Rally Novice Title



Shirl & 'Eddie' gained their 2nd pass in Rally Novice



Yoshi and 'Ai' scored their 1st pass in Rally Novice



Sonia and 'Kodi' gained their CCD Title



Anne with 'Baxter' & 'Mimi' gained two Rally Novice titles

WORKING BEE 2018



KODC TOP 3 FACEBOOK POSTS FROM 2017



1



26 August 2017

After a full tracking season trying to pass Test 8, our very own Shirl & 'Eddie' have finally earned their TRACKING CHAMPION title.

2



18 June 2017

Congratulations to KODC club members Anna with 'Czar' and Dave with 'Bree' who got 3rd place in the 2 Dog Veteran Sled Dog race at the NVSDC Classic last weekend.

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14 May 2017

Congratulations to KODC club member Pat and 'Storm' who have passed Track 1, at the KODC Tracking Trial this weekend.

Alois Schnider with Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO SPDM GDX SDX

Master Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	3 rd Place
Master Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	2 nd Place
Master Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	3 rd Place
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Master Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	1 st Place

Margaret Keil with Ch Aukero Limited Edition GD JD AD

Excellent Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	3 rd Place	
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	3 rd Place	Title SPD
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Knox ODC	28/10/2017	2 nd Place	Title SD

Martha Schnider with Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO SPDM GDX SDX

Open Agility	Dogs Vic NYE	31/12/2017	3 rd Place
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Meryl Brichall with Hoku Petite Raulf JDX ADX SPD

Open Agility	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	1 st Place	
Master Agility	Warrnambool DTS	4/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Open Jumping	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Open Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	1 st Place	
Novice Strategic Pairs	Gippsland ODC	12/11/2017	3 rd Place	
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	18/11/2017		
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	18/11/2017		
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	19/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	19/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	19/11/2017	3 rd Place	
Excellent Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Novice Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		Title GD
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	1 st Place	Title SD
Excellent Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Open Jumping	Dogs Vic NYE	31/12/2017		

Nick Kirchner with Obanya Chocolat Lady CCD RE ADX JD

Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	1 st Place	Title SPD
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		

Nick Kirchner with Sharmeka Mamie Kirchner RN AD JD

Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston ODC	26/11/2017	1 st Place	Title SPD
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston ODC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Frankston ODC	26/11/2017		

Nola Williams with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA AD JDX SPD

Excellent Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		

Nola Williams with Bonola Silver Sapphire

Novice Rally Obedience	Dogs Vic	28/11/2017		
Novice Rally Obedience	Croydon & Dist ODC	3/12/2017		Title RN

Norman Morcom with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA AD JDX SPD

Excellent Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
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Susan Witty with Pep CD RE SD ADX JDX

Novice Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		Title GD
Excellent Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	3 rd Place	

Susan Witty with Tokkolos CCD RE

Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	3 rd Place	

Tegan Smith with Pippin ADX GD JDM SPD

Master Agility	Dogs Vic NYE	31/12/2017	2 nd Place	
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Tracey Beresford with Daisy JDM ADX SPD

Excellent Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017	2 nd Place	
Excellent Strategic Pairs	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Snooker	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		
Novice Gamblers	Frankston DOC	26/11/2017		

GRAND CHAMPION BENSON

We were at the Park last night and Benson needed 13 points for the title. He won the Group and it was 15 points and he is now a Grand Champion. Very exciting.

Now his Title is

Grand Champion Neuter Windyle Black Brocade CCD RN PT

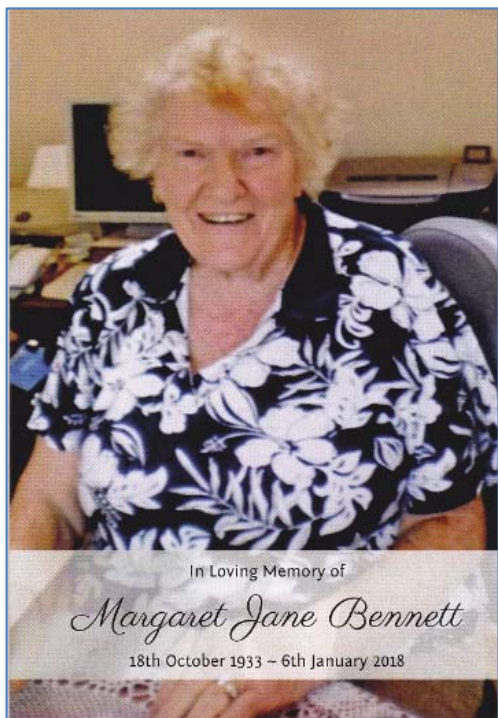
We were home at 1.10am

Benson will be 13 years old in March.

Aileen



VALE NOTICES



MARGARET BENNET

We are saddened to hear that one of our members, Margaret Bennet, passed away on 6th January 2018 at the age of 84.

We would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Jack Miller (Margaret's brother) and Marta McKenzie who are also members of our club.

Margaret was most often seen around the obedience rings, always happy to pat any dogs that came past.

Rest in Peace beautiful lady.

SHADOW THE STAFFY

Unfortunately last month Shadow finally succumbed to that awful disease, cancer.

She is now chasing tennis balls in that special Staffy heaven. Will always be remembered.

Thorn Family



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 = \$55
Dual Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$50 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$75

*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 that your dog needs a Yellow Bandana, ask your instructor to accompany you to the Office, where an assessment of your dog will be made by your Instructor and the Supervisor of Training. Ongoing Assessments will be made while your dog requires the Yellow Bandana.

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



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KODC COMMITTEE 2018

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

General Committee Members

David Thorn	Nola Williams
Debra Cartledge	Norman Morcom
Kirsten Petersen	
Martha Schnider	

TRAINING CALENDAR

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	NO TRAINING	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND
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	
APRIL	2018		
Sunday	1	NO TRAINING	EASTER WEEKEND
Sunday	8	Normal Training	
Sunday	15	Normal Training	
Sunday	22	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Sunday	29	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)

INSTRUCTORS 2018

Supervisor of Training – David Thorn
Agility - Norman, Alois, Sue, Wendy
Obedience Ring Work - Marta, Tim, Gordon
Rally Obedience -
Tracking - Trevor
Foundation - Alois, Sue, Norman

Baby Puppy - Megan
Advanced Puppy – Peter, Rose
Beginners - Kristy, John, Julz
Class 1 - Bob, Warwick
Class 2 – Mark, Tash
Class 3 - John, Peter
Class 4 –



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