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CONGRATULATIONS



Urs and 'Xena' for gaining their
Rally Obedience Champion title



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'XENA' THE TRIPLE CHAMPION

This month's front cover shows KODC Club Member Urs Rhyn with his German Shepherd 'Xena', who have just gained their **3rd Champion title**.

Xena was born on 21 April 2010 and so far she has gained 19 Titles in Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Conformation.

Xena gained her last pass for the Rally Champion title on Queen's birthday Monday. She is now known as:

TS.Gr.Ch. Tri Ch. (T,RO) Neut.Ch. Killara Volcanic Lava 'A'Z'
CDX RAE RM ET



Above:
Tracking Champion



Left:
Conformation Champion

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

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9:00am to 4:00pm

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KODC Treat Pouches.
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Before entering your first trial, make certain that your dog is ready to work under any conditions, like dogs working in adjacent rings at different levels, or any distractions.

You will need to be a member of Dogs Victoria and have the trial schedule. This gives you details about the trial and the closing date.

Arrive on time to check in, collect your number and sometimes catalogue, have your dog toileted and vetted, if necessary. Take your dog for a walk to get familiar with the surroundings. Find your ring and check for scratchings in your class, as it may mean you enter the ring sooner than you think. Settle nearby to be ready when called into the ring.

Before you are called into the ring allow yourself plenty of time to prepare your dog. Run through a brief routine so your dog is ready and focussed to work with you. Empty your pockets of any food if you have it.

Now you are ready to enter the ring when called by the steward. Make the best of what you and your dog have learned. If you don't hear what the judge has said, be honest and tell them you did not hear or understand. This is your chance to show what you and your dog can do, so give you and your dog a chance to get it right and do it well.

Once you have been through the exercises you will have to wait for the group stays. In some states, group stays are only done when you have passed all the exercises.

Hopefully your hours of training are rewarded and your dog is on a passing score. Wait for presentation and receive your pass card, sash or other rewards.

Regardless of the outcome, you take your best dog home and love him for what he is to you.

CANINE BEHAVIOR

Dr Alison Brown BVSc (Hons), MAVSc, MRCVSc



On 27th June we were fortunate to have Dr Alison Brown, Senior Veterinarian at the Wantirna Vet Clinic, provide a wonderful presentation on canine behaviour. Using our digital projector, Dr Brown gave us a 45 minute information-dense presentation, including lots of illustrative photos.

This was followed by a Q&A session which was still going strong after a further 45 minutes and only brought to an end by the appearance of the finger food supper.

We learnt lots about what factors affect a puppy's behaviour, how dogs learn, how to motivate desired behaviour, and the signs to look for to distinguish different forms of aggression in dogs.

KODC OBEDIENCE TRIAL SCHEDULE



KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

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OPEN OBEDIENCE & RALLY O TRIAL

Date: 30th September 2017

Knox Park, Cnr Ferntree Gully & Scoresby Rds, Knoxfield 3180

Trial Secretary: Nicole Wain. 22 Constance Close, Lysterfield 3156
Mobile: 0421 656 677 between 6pm and 9 pm only.

Online entry available: www.k9entries.com entries close Monday 18th September 2017
Paper entries send to Trial Secretary before Thursday 14th September 2017

Classes and Judges Obedience AM Trial

Community Companion Dog	: Ms Yvonne Ross
Novice	: Dearne Jackson
Open	: Mr. Gordon Parsons
Utility	: Mr. Graham Eades
UDX	: Mr Fred Breuckner

Classes and Judges Rally O PM Trial

Novice	: Mr Graham Eades
Advanced A & B	: Mr. Fred Breuckner
Excellent A & B	: Mr. Fred Breuckner
Masters	: Mr. Gordon Parsons & Ms Yvonne Ross

The committee reserves the right to substitute judges without notification

Sashes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing

Ribbons for qualifying scores

AM TRIAL:	Check In: 8:15am to 8:45am	Trial Starts: 9:00am
PM TRIAL:	Check In: 12.00 to 12.15pm	Trial starts: 1 hour after completion of the AM trial, but no earlier than 12.30pm.

Please note: no entry before 7.30am and no camping on grounds.

**ENTRY FEE \$12:00 per class (\$2.00 for printed catalogue if required)
\$20.00 for RAE class.**

CATERING AVAILABLE

AROUND THE GROUND



MARVELLOUS MIDGETS AND MIDDIES AT MORWELL

Our little dogs had a marvelous day at Morwell last month. So did the mid-sizes.

Twice a year the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club runs a day where an obedience trial and a rally-o trial and an agility trial all run concurrently. We've previously had Knox club members tackle the unofficial "canine triathlon" of obedience, rally-o and agility events with the same dog on the same day. That involves running back and forth between separate grounds on opposite sides of a carpark. And, of course a multi-skilled dog is essential. Yes Leanne and Nola, your past efforts are remembered.

There were no such "triathlon" starters this time, but we did have at least one representative in each of the 16 agility and jumping events in the catalogue.



Congratulations to Susan Witty's Pep who gained his Jumping Dog Excellent (JDX) title.



Congratulations also to Meryl Birchall and her toy poodle Raulf on earning his Novice Agility (AD) title.



Mini poodle Pearl had a return to form with a couple of first places in Novice Agility and Excellent Jumping. Pearl's course times were stunningly fast (under half the standard course time set by the judge) and this scribe is struggling with the split-second handling required.



Martha Schnider ran Bella to a great first place in a tough Open Agility event where only 3 out of 26 entrants passed.



And Alois Schnider took Chloe to a second place in Masters Jumping in a field containing the State's very best dogs and handlers.

IS AGILITY FOR ME AND MY DOG?

Perhaps you and your dog are attending our club's Class 3 or 4 and wondering what to do next. Perhaps you don't want to enter trials, but instead want to just have some fun with your dog. How about giving agility a go?



You don't have to compete. You don't even have to run around quickly (though it helps in many cases). You can elect to just trot around and teach your dog new active skills in an informal setting. Everyone progresses at their own pace.



A word of caution though. Once a dog realizes how much fun it is to run through a tunnel and leap over jumps, there is a downside. They become particularly eager to get you out of bed on Sunday mornings.



This scribe admits to being more than a little biased, but believes that most dogs become enthusiastic about strong physical activity. Something more than a gentle walk. Chasing a ball is a simple example. Then add to that strong exertion a mental challenge, like you see particularly in agility and herding, and most dogs will be ecstatic. If you have a dog who likes to run, agility could be just the thing they'd love.

AFTER THE WINTER SOLSTICE

How nice it is to have the winter solstice behind us. The hours of daylight are increasing only slowly at this stage, but that will soon quicken.

There'll be more daylight to exercise and play in, and to train our dogs. We'll soon be able to delay the start time of our regular Tuesday evening agility practice sessions. It will no longer still be dark when we arrive to set-up our equipment at 7am on Sunday mornings. But remember the old adage: "As the days get longer, the cold gets stronger."

We usually get at least one Sunday morning at KODC in July or August where the grass is frozen to the crunchy stage while we set up. So make sure your dogs stay warm when they're not running around vigorously.

I'm always grateful of our climate when I see videos of agility in Europe or North America when the dogs are working in snow while the handlers slip and slide in the icy conditions. Give thanks fellow agiliteers.

Norman Morcom with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA JD GD

Novice Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	1 st Place
Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	1 st Place

Meryl Birchall with Hoku Petite Raulf JD

Novice Agility	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	2 nd Place	Title AD
Novice Agility	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1 st Place	
Excellent Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	20/5/17	1 st Place	
Excellent Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1 st Place	
Excellent Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	2 nd Place	
Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	2 nd Place	
Novice Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	2 nd Place	

Martha Schnider with Montulata Jades Gem CCD RE ADM JDM GDX SD SPDM

Open Jumping	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	3 rd Place
Open Agility	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	2 nd Place
Open Agility	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	2 nd Place

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

Open Jumping	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	1 st Place
Masters Jumping	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	2 nd Place
Masters Jumping	Gippsland ODC	21/6/17	2 nd Place

Shirley Milne with Milangimbi Bella Donna

Community Companion Dog	Working Dog Club	3/6/17	1 st Place	Title CCD
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Susan Witty with Pep CD RE JD AD

Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	1 st Place	Title JDX
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Elizabeth McCarthy with Charmhill Rufus CD RA

Rally Obedience	ASCV	9/4/17	3 rd Place
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Sonia Hall with Kwikpawsenya TD

Tracking Test five	Ballaarat DOC	11/6/17
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Mr U & Mrs T Rhyn with TS Gr Ch Dual Ch(T)Neut Ch Killara Volcanic Lava CDX RAE ET

Rally Master	Macedon Ranges	23/10/16	
Rally Master	Bega Valley KOC	15/2/17	
Rally Master	Southern ODTC	18/3/17	
Rally Master	Australian Shepherd Club	9/4/17	
Rally Master	Geelong ODC	29/4/17	
Rally Master	Geelong ODC	30/4/17	
Rally Master	Geelong ODC	30/4/17	
Rally Master	Mornington ODC	28/5/17	3 rd Place
Rally Master	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	
Rally Master	Gippsland ODC	12/6/17	3 rd Place Title RO.Ch

Each week, a few KODC tracking enthusiasts get together at Jells Park and practice laying tracks for each other.



Vi and 'TimTam' start their track.



Eva and 'Lalka' find the start sock



Trevor with 'Shep' off to find the tracklayer.



Photo courtesy of GSDCV

Congratulations to Sonia and 'Enya' on passing Track 5 at the GSDCV Tracking trial



Chris and 'River' find an article on the track

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.

INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

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.

So if you feel your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. 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
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Vice President	Luke Kenny
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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	

TRAINING CALENDAR

JULY	2017		
Sunday	2	Normal Training	
Tuesday	4	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	9	Normal Training	
Tuesday	11	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	16	Normal Training	
Tuesday	18	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	23	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	25	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	30	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
AUGUST	2017		
Tuesday	1	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	6	Normal Training	
Tuesday	8	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	13	Normal Training	
Tuesday	15	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	20	Normal Training	Class Testing (2) RSPCA Cupcake Day
Tuesday	22	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	27	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	29	Agility Twilight Training	
SEPT	2017		
Sunday	3	Normal Training	
Tuesday	5	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	10	Normal Training	
Tuesday	12	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	17	Normal Training	Class Testing (2) NO AGILITY TRAINING
Tuesday	19	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	24	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3) NO AGILITY TRAINING
Tuesday	26	Agility Twilight Training	
Saturday	30		KODC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

INSTRUCTORS 2017

Agility - Norman, Alois, Wendy

Obedience Ring Work - Marta, Tim, Gordon

Rally Obedience - TBA

Tracking - Trevor

Foundation - Alois, Christine, Anne, Norman

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia

Advanced Puppy - Peter

Beginners - Kristy, John

Class 1 - Bob, Gail, Warwick

Class 2 - Mark

Class 3 - John, Peter

Class 4 - TBA

Trainee Instructors - Rose, Julz



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CLASS 1 PASSUPS JUNE 2017