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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

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CONGRATULATIONS



Tim & 'Zuri' on gaining their
CDX Title

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

I know that more people are becoming interested in tracking. For those that don't know tracking is the most natural thing for a dog to do. All dogs at some stage will have used their nose to find food. We are just telling the dog what scent to follow and then learning to read when the dog is following that scent and when it is not. I do teach it for club members, but unfortunately I can only cope with a small group so have people on a waiting list.

In May each year the club runs a tracking trial at Ballarat (due to the amount of land required) for which we have large numbers of entries. This year we ended up with 60 entries with us being able to cope with 48 entries this year, so there were a few disappointed people. It could have been worse, as 6 entries arrived after the closing date and we sent them straight back.

This year provided a new challenge with one of the contracted Judges informing me two weeks before the trial that he needed an operation on this thumb, which would be done one week before the trial. Fortunately I was able to replace him. We ended up with 32 passes which is quite a good number.

It takes a lot to run one of these trials. From the number of people to be fed, people needed to setup the tracks on the Friday, people to lay the tracks, people to get the competitors when they are needed and many other tasks. To all those people that helped a big thank you.

Till next month
Trevor May

The Dog Cafe

120 Boronia Road, Boronia 3155



Open
Thursday to Sunday
9:00am to 4:00pm

The café is a place where you can come with your fur-babies and enjoy some special time together or even meet some new friends.

Facebook - The Dog Café
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Enter at rear via Park Crescent

TUESDAY, 27th June 2017

Dr. Alison Brown BVSc (Hons), MAVSc, MRCVSc



CANINE BEHAVIOUR (from the behavioural point of view)

Behaviour such as aggression, anxiety, fear, inappropriate urination, howling and excessive licking can cause feelings of distrust, anger, annoyance and distance from the ones who are part of the family

Knox Obedience Dog Club Rooms
7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

Gold coin entry

Open to Members and friends/family of Members



KODC Treat Pouches.
Only \$25 at the Dog Shop!

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
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The sport of obedience has been around since year 1933. Today's Obedience trials begin with walking on a loose lead at the owners side, standing to be touched by a stranger, coming when called, sit and down stay. Any dog can participate in the sport of Obedience, regardless of age, pure or cross breed.

There are seven levels of Obedience in Australia. The dog must earn one title at a time, working toward the next level. The title is completed when the dog earns 3 passes at that level under at least 2 different judges. Most levels require a pass of 170 points or more out of 200 points, except CCD level, that requires 85 points or more out of 100. The dog must complete every exercise with a minimum of 50% of full marks.

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD Title)

CCD exercises are Heel on loose Lead (including sits, stands & downs with normal, slow and fast pace, as well as a figure 8), Stand for Exam, Recall and group Sit & Down Stays.

COMPANION DOG (CD Title)

All exercises are off lead. This level requires more precise heeling with dog close to handler. Other exercises are Stand for Exam, Recall and a choice between Retrieving a dumbbell or a Change of Position (stand to down). There are also a group Sit & Down stay.

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT (CDX Title)

The standard of work at this level is expected to be higher. This consists of Heel off lead in normal, slow and fast pace with a figure 8, Stand for Exam, Drop On Recall, Retrieve dumbbell on Flat and a choice of Retrieve over Jump or Directed Retrieve (gloves), followed by a choice of Broad Jump or Distance Control. Stays (Sit & Down) are out of sight.

UTILITY DOG (UD Title)

UD level requires an experienced dog to work further away from the handler. The exercises are Seek Back, Directed Jumping, Scent Discrimination, Signal exercise, with a choice of Directed retrieve (gloves) or Food Refusal or Speak on Command. There is a group Stand for Exam and a group 5 minute down stay out of sight

UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT (UDX Title)

This is a relatively new level in Australia and requires a highly experienced dog to perform complicated exercises. They include Seek Back with decoy, Positions in Motion, Scent Discrimination with Judges scent, Directed Sendaway and Recall, Distance Control, Multiple Retrieve and group Stand for Examination.



Marta performing the Figure 8
Photo by Sal Robinson

OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (O.CH Title)

After obtaining the UD Title, the requirements for OCD title can be worked in two ways: -

- with a further 5 passes in UD level gaining minimum scores of 185 out of 200
- after gaining UDX Title, gaining a further 2 passes in UDX gaining minimum scores of 185 out of 200

OBEDIENCE GRAND CHAMPION (O.GR.CH Title)

Only a few dogs are capable of gaining this title. After obtaining Obedience Champion (O.CH) and Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) title, the requirement for Obedience Grand Champion title are a further 5 passes in UDX gaining minimum scores of 185 out of 200.

Obedience Trials are held all over Australia under ANKC Rules. They are the same in all states. Obtain the Obedience Rules and familiarise yourself with the requirements and detailed descriptions of every exercise.

Before entering your first Trial, you must become a financial member of DOGS VICTORIA. At any opportunity, volunteer yourself as a Steward, which will give you an insight into the world of trialling.

The Knox Tracking Trial was held in Ballarat at the Haddon Gun Club, on the 12th, 13th & 14th May, the weather played its part and gave us cool mornings but lovely sunshine during the day.

This year the club received 60 entries and only had 48 tracks over the 2 days, so many people were balloted out, even some members from our own club.

As normal Patricia and I packed our cars on Thursday and drove up to Ballarat. We stayed at the Cardigan Motel in Cardigan about 8km out of Ballarat and about 8km from Haddon Gun Club. We stay here because we have the dogs inside the room, it's not a 5 star but very comfortable 3 stars.

The next morning we went to Haddon and found that Trevor and our 3 judges had already arrived. Our judges this year were Alyson, John and Wendy and they all had their favourite stewards with them.

The Trusty Crew from Knox Obedience Dog Club was Sonia, Eva, Trevor, Kiara, and Deb, an ex-Knox member. Our sister club, Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club were there to help. It was great to see our life members Dick & Ute May there also.

Within an hour the Judges and stewards had gone to set up their tracks for our trial. I am pretty sure there was a competition going between them, who could setup the fastest. Well John won, it took him about 5 hours to set all his tracks! A record has been set. (It was all down to some great stewards).

While they were setting the tracks, Patricia, Eva and I made lunch for them. Then we cleaned up the club rooms. By 4pm everyone was tired and we all went to our lodgings for a rest, because dinner was at 6pm at the usual watering hole, The Flying Horse.



The next morning was a lovely crisp morning, a good tracking morning. Checking in was from 6.15am to 7am. The judges gathered the competitors and explained who would be out at what time and what track they would be on, and at 7.30am mass evacuation occurred, as everyone left to go out Tracking.



Time for Trevor to chop the wood for the fire.

About 10am, Trevor got a phone call, there was a problem at the farm - the tracking poles and flags had gone missing. As Trevor has been doing this for a number of years, he was the right person for the job. Trevor stood on top of the hill guiding Sonia (via mobile phone) while she walked the track and placed the articles down. Sonia even found some of the flag poles that the curious cows had removed.

Slowly one by one the competitors came back to base, to tell us with excitement how they passed, or told us how they did not pass and why.

Tracking is a team effort, it's just you and your dog, and the golden rule of tracking is trust your dog.

Saturday night we arranged to get Pizza's delivered, which worked out well. But dessert was the icing on the cake. Apple crumble or apple & rhubarb crumble with custard.

Sunday morning was a repeat of Saturday, and yes I did say repeat because the cows took the Flag Poles again. This time Sonia knew where to go, and could lay the track without the flags.

This morning it was Patricia and Storm's turn to track and I was the track layer. The steward took me to the track and I start dropping my articles as I walked. (Articles for tracking are general socks, which have been on the person for the minimum of 2 hours). About 30 minutes later Patricia and Storm turned up.

After that it was back to make warm lunches for the judges, and then to pack up because the trial was almost over for another year.

Usually the judges give awards for the Track of the Day, given to the dog & handler team who have tracked the best. At our trial, I asked the judges to also consider the stewards and track layer in the decisions.

For Saturday, Sonia was awarded the Steward of the day. And on Sunday, Kiara was awarded Steward of the day. Thank you ladies, an excellent job you both did.

The Trial finished just after 2.30pm and after cleaning up and packing cars we were on our way home.

Once again we have to say thank you to a number of people, Our Judges; John, Alyson and Wendy, Stewards; Margaret, Kirsten, Pat, Julieann, Sue, Kiara, Deb (from Knox), Glen (from Ballaarat), and sorry if I have forgotten anyone, but a very big thank you to you all. Thanks to Ballaarat Dog Obedience club members for their help and support.



To Trevor, Patricia, Sonia, Shirley, Eva, my sister Wilma, Kiara and Deb, thank you for your help before and during the weekend.

Margaretha
Vice President



Pat with 'Storm' passed Track 1



Sonia with 'Enya' passed Track 4



Shirl with 'Eddie', getting ready to start.



Showing 'Eddie' the start article.



'Eddie' finds the Tracklayer

FRANKSTON CLUB'S INAUGURAL TRIAL



Frankston Dog Obedience Club ran their inaugural agility trial on May 14th. The venue was the lovely oval at Moorabbin Dog club.



The weather was glorious but most of the courses were tough. In some events with over 30 entries, no dog passed! In agility, the slightest error or hesitation at any obstacle means you miss out on a pass.



But Denise Basile took Bella to two First Places in Novice Agility.



Margaret Keil's Lucille added 3 passes to her tally also. After a short drought in passes, Lucille's are now coming in a rush.



It was Rachel Quagliani's first trial and her little Pablo performed well. Rachel says they both had fun and thinks she's fully infected with the agility trialling bug.



BEWARE THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

Every now and then there's a Bermuda Triangle experience in an agility ring.

A handler glances to check where they're going, and signals to the dog, but pooch doesn't oblige. And when the handler looks around, the dog has vanished completely, it's nowhere to be seen.

It's the dreaded Bermuda Triangle Syndrome. So do aliens beam the pooches up into their spacecraft to suffer the dreaded "probe"?



They started off well

Tracey Beresford had it happen in the trial at Moorabbin on May 14th. Half way through the course her little Daisy had seemingly evaporated from the ring in the half-second it took Tracey to check exactly where the far entrance to a tunnel was. That half-second was critical.



But then Daisy simply vanished

Tracey was momentarily perplexed, as seen in the enlargement from our photo.



Daisy is normally so reliable, and there had been no sign of a flying saucer. But the onlookers saw what had happened. The half-second was enough for Daisy to duck around behind the tunnel, out of Tracey's sight. Daisy reappeared eventually but Tracey's look of desperation in the meantime was caught by our photographer.

A WEEKEND IN GIPPSLAND

A contingent of KODC club members had a weekend away in Gippsland in mid May. There was an agility trial at Sale on the Saturday and another at Stratford, about 16km away, on Sunday.



One group rented a large house in Sale for the Friday and Saturday nights. With 6 people and 9 dogs in residence, it was a wonderful time. There was no discord between dogs or "accidents" on the floor for the entire stay.

Susan Witty was back in action running with Pep and Pep gained 4 passes over the weekend. That's Pep's best performance by far.



Tegan Smith with Pippin AD JDX

Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Novice Snooker	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Novice Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	3rd Place	Title SPD
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Masters Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1st Place	
Excellent Agility	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1st Place	

Margaret Keil with Ch Duoforza Tivoli RN JD AD GD

Novice Snooker	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Novice Gamblers	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17		
Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Excellent Agility	Hungarian Vizsla Club	6/5/17	2nd Place	

Margaret Keil with Ch Aukero Limited Edition

Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		Title GD
Novice Jumping	Frankston DOC	13/5/17	1st Place	
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Dianne Bell with T Ch Waiwilta Mickey JD

Track & Search Test One	Gippsland ODC	4/9/16		
Track & Search Test Two	Bendigo ODC	16/10/16		
Track & Search Test Three	Tracking Club of Vic	22/4/17		Title TSD
Track & Search Test Four	Bendigo ODC	6/5/17		
Novice Agility	Warrnambool DTS	12/3/16	2nd Place	
Novice Agility	Warrnambool DTS	13/3/17	1st Place	
Novice Agility	Moorabbin ODC	10/4/16	1st Place	
Novice Agility	K9 Agility	16/11/16	1st Place	
Novice Agility	Warrnambool DTS	11/3/17	1st Place	Title AD

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

Masters Snooker	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Masters Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		

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

Masters Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		
Excellent Snooker	Dogs Vic	29/4/17		

Tracey Beresford with Daisy JDM ADX

Masters Agility	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1st Place	
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Susan Witty with Pep CD RE JD AD

Excellent Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	20/5/17	1st Place	
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Excellent Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	1st Place	
Excellent Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	21/5/17	2nd Place	Title JDX

Tim Ryan with Kushika Match Made Zuri CD

Community Dog Excellent	Dogs Vic	29/11/16	2nd Place	
Community Dog Excellent	Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	16/3/17	1st Place	
Community Dog Excellent	Wangaratta Kennel & ODC	21/5/17	2nd Place	Title CDX
Community Dog Excellent	Wnagaratta Kennel &ODC	21/5/17	2nd Place	

Aileen Dibble with Neut Ch Aust Ch Trehilyn She Dreams in Colour

Rally Obedience Novice	OTEC Dogs Vic	16/4/17		
Rally Obedience Novice	OTEC Dogs Vic	16/4/17		
Rally Obedience Novice	Berwick ODC	7/5/17		Title RN

Sonia Hall with Kwikpawsenya TD

Tracking Test Four	Knox ODC	14/5/17		
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The annual KODC Tracking Trial at Ballarat was conducted on May 13th and 14th. The weather smiled at all the participants and organisers, providing us with 3 beautiful sunny days. The trial was a great success and it's only right that a big "thanks" is given to our sister club in Ballarat for helping us facilitate such a fantastic event.



Being a relatively new member of the club, I'd like to share with you the incredible experience I'd had. As one of the two new members to tracking, I felt "green around the ears", so it was suggested that I come and see what the sport was all about, before myself and my beautiful girl, Lalka took part in future events.

We arrived at the "shed" in Ballarat early on Friday morning, before the trial started on Saturday. Our tasks were to help, observe and participate in whatever we were asked to do by the organisers.

More specifically, the next 3 days were spent learning how tracks are laid (across 400m, 800m and 1200m distances), following and observing competitors and their dogs as they worked the tracks and learning how handlers' manage their rope work. Other duties included being the "pole mole" (carrying the poles used for track laying) and helping in the kitchen. It was also a great opportunity to listen to the judge's feedback which was generously and constructively provided to each competitor and, most importantly it was a lovely opportunity to socialise with other dog-lovers!

The experience at the KODC tracking trial has provided me with a deeper understanding of the "fine art" of tracking and I can't wait to put into practice the knowledge I have acquired. I am looking forward to returning next year, ready to compete in the KODC Tracking Trial 2018.

VALE



RUSH

(Russetray Rushfield)
28.10.07 – 15.5.17

A true larrikin.

Sometimes well behaved and boisterous, but good hearted.

While a teenager he was brought home on 4 occasions in a police car.

At times he lived by his own set of rules, causing conflict.

Occasionally willful, always intelligent & exceptionally strong.

A powerful influence on all who knew his gentle, respectful side.

Much missed by Rod

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
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	

TRAINING CALENDAR

JUNE	2017		
Sunday	4	Normal Training	
Tuesday	6	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	11	NO TRAINING	Queen's Birthday Weekend
Tuesday	13	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	18	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	20	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	25	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	27	Agility Twilight Training	Guest Speaker: Dr Alison Brown, Canine Behaviour
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	

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





HERDING

WEIGHTPULL



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