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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

June 2018

CLASS 4 HOOPING IT UP DURING TRAINING!



GUEST SPEAKER

Tuesday 19th June 2018

Julija Kinghorn

**BSc (hons) (Melb Uni)
NTDF accredited behaviourist**

BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

Julija conducts behaviour consults for owners of dogs with issues ranging from fears and anxieties, over-reactivities and dog-to-dog socialisation problems.

7.30pm at the Clubhouse

A light supper will be provided.
Gold coin donation.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Please note nominations for Lifetime Membership are now open, and the nomination form is available on the KODC website.

Nominee must have a minimum of ten years consecutive membership.

During membership period, the nominee must have given five years of exceptional service.

The nominee must be a financial member of the club at the time of nomination and ratification.

Nominations for Life Membership must be received by the committee no later than 31 July of each year.

KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

(Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.)

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Congratulations to our members who have gained the following passes and titles in trials

Alois & Martha Schnider with Chloe

Masters	Jumping	Ballaaraat DOC	6/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Jumping	Ballaaraat DOC	6/05/2018	1st Place
Masters	Jumping	Ballaaraat DOC	6/05/2018	3rd Place
Masters	Jumping	Frankston DOC	12/05/2018	
Masters	Jumping	Frankston DOC	12/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	19/05/2018	1st Place
Masters	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	19/05/2018	1st Place
Masters	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	19/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	20/05/2018	1st Place

Emily Kermac with Ella

Advanced	Rally-O	Ballaarat DODC	24/09/2017	
Advanced	Rally-O	Croydon & Dist ODC	22/04/2018	2nd Place
Advanced	Rally-O	Croydon & Dist ODC	22/04/2018	Title RA

Madeline Keil with Perdi

Sled Sport	Backpacking	Amercian Staff Terr Club	13/04/2018	
Advanced	Rally-O	Croydon & Dist ODC	22/04/2018	
Advanced	Rally-O	Croydon & Dist ODC	22/04/2018	

Margaret Keil with Palina

Novice	Strategic Pairs	Border Collie Club	7/04/2018	
Open	Agility	Hungarian Vizsla Club	5/05/2018	
Open	Jumping	Hungarian Vizsla Club	5/05/2018	
Excellent	Jumping	Frankston DOC	12/05/2018	1st Place
Excellent	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	20/05/2018	1st Place
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Meryl Birchall with Raulf

Masters	Jumping	Agility Dog Club of Vic	31/03/2018	3rd Place	Title JDM
Masters	Jumping	Dogs Vic	11/04/2018	1st Place	
Excellent	Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	13/04/2018		

Nicole Wain with Leevi

Novice	Rally-O	Berwick ODC	6/05/2018	
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Norman Morcom with Pearl

Open	Jumping	Stratford Dog Agility	20/05/2018	
Excellent	Agility	Geelong ODC	26/05/2018	1st Place
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Tracey Beresford with Daisy

Masters	Agility	Frankston DOC	12/05/2018	
Masters	Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/05/2018	2nd Place
Masters	Agility	Geelong ODC	27/05/2018	1st Place
Masters	Agility	Geelong ODC	27/05/2018	1st Place

Submit copies of your pass cards in the box in the clubhouse or email to
trialreporter@knoxodc.org.au

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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KODC TRACKING TRIAL

by Margaretha Hovens

We had 78 entries and 3 late entries that arrived after the closing date of the trial. As we could not accommodate that many entries, a ballot was held, and 50 entries were allocated to the tracks.

Trevor and I went up on the Thursday night to get started, which worked well. (Thanks Trevor for taking the trailer).

Our set up day was Friday, where volunteers come and set up tracks how the Judges want to run them. And what a day it was!

The weather on this day was unbelievable, it was very cold because of the wind howling through the paddocks and the bush, the temperature was 2.8C and we had 22mm of rain. The order of the day was plenty of warm drinks and hot food, hand and toe warmers.

We knew there had been plenty of rain when we saw John (one of our judges) had gotten himself bogged!



The Saturday started well, it was just as cold and it rained in the morning, so more warm drinks and hot food were in order.

Tracking involves a lot of time and organizing by Trial managers, Judges, Stewards and the army of helpers.

We had enormous help from our friends at the Ballarat Obedience club once again, they helped with tracklaying, stewarding and even helping in the kitchen. So a big thanks to you all.

Also the helpers that just turned up and help because they love the sport, some of which take holidays to be here. Special thanks to Marg, Debbie and Kiara.

Thank you to the Knox members who came to Ballarat to help and track. Sonia, Shirley, Eva and the crew behind us Wilma and Bryce who come to the club house just to help us pack and unpack cars.

It was a special day for Eva and her dog Bodhi. It was their first tracking trial and she was a bit nervous. The last words of wisdom were given "Trust your dog" and Eva was off, with the Judge (Alyson) and steward behind her. Eva passed her 1st test with a score of a PASS, her Judge gave her praise and some good tips for her next trial.



To explain a bit about the Test One that Eva did, the tracklayer is known person to the dog and the Track has a length of about 400m. There are 2 changes of direction and the dog must find the article (sock) dropped by the Tracklayer.

Sunday was warmer again, and the judges sent their stewards out for the 1st tracking of the day to go out and hide at 7am.

This time it was Sonia and her dog, Enya's turn. They were doing Test 7, so the track is more difficult, with no starting post, and at least 6 turns. Sonia & Enya scored a Very Good. Oh and guess who was the tracklayer? (Hi Shirley!).



Missing from Ballarat this year was Dick & Ute May and also Patricia, we hope that they are feeling much better.

NEW CLASS STRUCTURE FOR BEGINNERS

We have undertaken a major rearrangement of the Beginners Agility class on Sunday mornings to provide a more structured programme of skill development and to better cater for the wide differences in proficiency of participating dogs and handlers.

Instructor Susan Mahoney has put a lot of effort into developing a course of activities which allows participants to learn increasingly complex skills quickly and efficiently.

In the past few months we've had an increasing number of club members joining the agility classes at Beginner level and the new class structure will cater for the bigger numbers.

The Beginner class now has two levels separated into three streams running simultaneously in the agility ring. Newbies start at Beginner A level, which runs for 8 weeks, before they progress to Beginner B level. We start a new 8-week Beginner A class every 4 weeks, so there are 2 Beginner A streams running at the same time.

At the end of their 8 weeks in Beginner A, participants move to the Beginner B stream which also runs at the same time as the 2 Beginner A streams.

Dogs will continue in Beginner B until they, and their handler, have all the skills to enter trials, should they choose to do so.

A consequence of the new class structure is that we can accept an intake of new participants only on every 4th week of the programme. Unfortunately this will not necessarily be the first Sunday of the month because we get a few days where our instructors are competing at agility trials so the programme then slips a week.

The date of the next intake will be displayed at the agility trailer, but you're invited to speak with one of the instructors for details and to put your name down for the next intake.

Winter would be a great time to start. The class sizes are smaller and, actually, it's only rarely we get rained on. Beginner A and B classes start at 10am.

BALLAARAT BOUNTY

No, that heading's not a misprint. The dog obedience club at Ballarat spells its location's name the old way with a double A.

Their agility trial in May produced some fine results. Foremost was the Schnider family where Alois took Chloe to first place in Master Jumping and Martha took Chloe to second place in Master Agility. Alois and Chloe are now often gaining the top podium spot in jumping events containing the best dogs in the State.

Anita Zuccon had some success also, taking Hazel to second place in Novice Jumping.



Chloe maximises her speed by curling over bars

A PREDICTION

This scribe is going to make a prediction having had the opportunity of seeing Sherie's new pup Disco fly around a training course. Disco's only 12 months old, so the jump bars were on the ground, but he appeared to be as fast as any dog I've ever seen.

My prediction is that over the next few years Disco will win so many first places at trials that Sherie won't have enough space in the house to display all the winning sashes and trophies

WHEN WAS FRANKSTON AT MOORABBIN?

Answer: In May the Frankston Obedience Dog Club held their agility trial at Moorabbin.



Lisa Neil showed great style running Dusty to a close Second Place in Novice Agility.



Sue Mahoney showed experience taking Matti to Second Place in Excellent Agility.

STRATFORD DELIGHT

Stratford is a delightful town in Gippsland about 20km north of Sale. It's only smallish but it has a great bakery and a particularly active agility club. In May they ran a 2-day trial over Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. That gave us time to travel there during the Saturday morning.

Country trials are a pleasure to attend. The local produce is great for meals, and the programme timing is usually more relaxed. But the competition is still strong.

Those attending for the weekend either camped/caravanned on site or booked into accommodation locally or in Sale.

This scribe stayed Saturday night in a house with 4 other people and 11 dogs, all inside! It wasn't as difficult as it sounds as all the dogs were littlies and got on well with each other.

Alois had another ripper trial with Chloe gaining 4 First Places from 7 runs in Master Jumping. Alois also handled Anne's little Mimi to First Place in Excellent Agility. And Martha took Chloe to Second Place in Open Agility.



Margaret Keil ran Palina to 2 First Places in Excellent Jumping



It was Sapphire's maiden trial and Nola ensured she rose to the occasion.



Heather Donaldson with Delta scored Second Place in a tricky Open Jumping event.

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR ABSENCE FROM CLASS

You know how “obedient” my poodle girls are. They greet everyone on two feet and are shameless beggars, especially when the person is wearing a treat bag and has an INSTRUCTOR label on their back.

Mamie, the black one, had a couple of benign tumours removed, one of them being of good size on her chest, the other one was small and on her leg. The vet sent us away with the usual cautions to keep her quiet etc. Next day she was full on and she and Lady were back to their game and especially the game of chase in the park. So, it was no surprise that we were back at the vet’s surgery a few days later. The vet nurse looked at her wound and immediately put a bucket on her head and the vet agreed that was what she needed to have besides the antibiotics.

This was the ultimate put down to my girl. She went into a real sulk but, just before she was to go to bed, she figured out how to eat and that it was possible. Life had not ended. Well next morning there was a whole new outlook. She struggled with how to fit through her usual spaces but was determined to not let it stop her and Lady was assisting her efforts, feeling guilty that she may have done something to inflict this bucket on her mate.

When we got to the park they began to figure out how to play their usual game of chase with a bucket. Mamie realized she could be a real monster with this bucket bearing down on her mate, but Lady figured out that Mamie had a blind spot to the back of her and took advantage of this.



When Mamie was really getting too rough, Lady discovered it was easy to get rid of Mamie by running into the scrub brush and the bucket stopping Mamie in her tracks. Mamie learned that she could really get one’s attention fast by just running straight into them and while that worked on people, it didn’t shift door frames, walls and other things around the house. The house will never be the same. The clowning and playfulness of my poodles has not been set back by a bucket.

Obedience and agility practice will have to be given a miss this week as the bucket doesn’t go through tunnels or do contacts very easily, and I don’t want buckethead to assault an instructor for their treats. Have a good weekend.

Nick, Lady and Mamie aka Buckethead

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
9:00-9:45am	Agility Intermediates
10:00-10:45am	Agility Beginners A & B

KODC COMMITTEE 2018

President	Trevor May
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Club Secretary	Luke Kenny
Ass. Secretary	Megan Pepprell

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



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TRAINING CALENDAR

JUNE	2018		
Sunday	3	Normal Training	
Tuesday	5	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	10	NO TRAINING	QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
Tuesday	12	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	17	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	19	Agility Twilight Training	GUEST SPEAKER – Julija Kinghorn (SCAS)
Sunday	24	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	26	Agility Twilight Training	
JULY	2018		
Sunday	1	Normal Training	
Tuesday	3	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	8	Normal Training	
Tuesday	10	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	15	Normal Training	
Tuesday	17	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	22	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	24	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	29	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	31	Agility Twilight Training	
AUGUST	2018		
Sunday	5	Normal Training	
Tuesday	7	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	12	Normal Training	
Tuesday	14	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	21	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	28	Agility Twilight Training	

INSTRUCTORS 2018

Supervisor of Training – David Thorn

Agility - Norman, Alois, Susan, Wendy

Obedience Ring Work - Marta, Tim, Gordon, Lisa

Rally Obedience - Chris

Tracking - Trevor

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 – Chris

