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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

MAY 2017



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CONGRATULATIONS

Emily & 'Ella' on gaining their
Rally Novice Title

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EDITORS REPORT

Many of our members work very hard to get up to Class 4 - but then what?

There is nowhere to go once you hit the highest class level we have for our general members.

The answer, of course, is to enter the prestigious world of competition.

We have many members out competing all over the country each month. Trialling is a great way to take your dog training to the next level, and you can also make great friends as you all celebrate successes and commiserate the 'not quite enough points this time'.

Are you interested in giving it a go? KODC Instructors can help you get started on your journey. We have competition rings set up each week, with Alois & Norm in the Agility ring, and Marta & Tim in the obedience rings.

Sometimes, we have the extra privilege of having 2 qualified Obedience Judges on the ground helping out in the rings. Gordon & Lisa are both very happy to take you for a practice run and offer great advice to help you in the ring. It's also a great opportunity to get them to do a Stand for Exam, when you know that Gordon is your judge at the trial you've entered next week!!

KODC is hosting 2 events later on this year, an Obedience/Rally-O trial in September, and an Agility/Jumping trial in October. Having a competition on 'home turf' is a great advantage, as your dog is very familiar with the ground.

The Novice level of Rally-O is a great introduction to the world of competition. It's all on lead, you can talk to your dog, and even pat your dog in the ring. The criteria for each station is the same as obedience though, so a crooked sit, or repeating a cue will lose you points.

You've got 4 months to prepare for the Obedience competition and 5 months for the Agility trial!! Speak to your instructor if you're interested (You don't have to be in Class 4 to be interested!!)

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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The Dog Cafe

120 Boronia Road, Boronia 3155



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

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KODC Treat Pouches.
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EASTER TRIALS A HOPPING SUCCESS

by Christine Devlin

Every Easter the Dogs Victoria 'Obedience, Tracking & Endurance Committee' (OTEC) run a 2 day Obedience and Rally-O trial at KCC Park in Cranbourne. Two obedience trials were held on Saturday, and two Rally-O trials were held on Sunday. The weather was perfect for competition, not too windy, and not too hot.

Photos by Sal Robinson & Christine Devlin

Aileen and 'Brooke' gained 2 qualifying scores in the Rally Novice ring. Brooke is an ex-show dog, and this was her first time in the Rally ring.



Emily & 'Ella' gained their third qualifying score, which entitles them to a Rally Novice Title



Maddy & 'Purdi' gained a qualifying score in Rally Novice. This was Purdi's first time in the Rally ring.



Chris & 'River' gained a qualifying score and 3rd place in the Novice Obedience Ring on Saturday and a qualifying score in Rally Excellent on Sunday.



Marta and her young dog, 'Georgia' got a qualifying score and 3rd place in Open Obedience, while Marta's older dog, 'Mac', gained 2nd place in the UD Ring.



Pam and 'Sheldon' won the Open Obedience Ring on Saturday.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

Nominee:

Proposer:

Seconder:

BY LAWS EXTRACT

(6) LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- Nominee must have a minimum of ten years consecutive membership.
- During membership period, nominee must have given five years of exceptional service.
- Nominations must be made in writing by a financial member of the Club.
- 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.
- If approved by committee, nominees for Life Membership will be printed in the October newsletter each year.
- Any objections to proposed Life Members printed in the October Newsletter, must be made in writing to the committee and received before 31 October of the year of publication.
- Nominees to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

NOMINEE PROFILE:

Proposer's Signature.....

Seconders's Signature.....

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

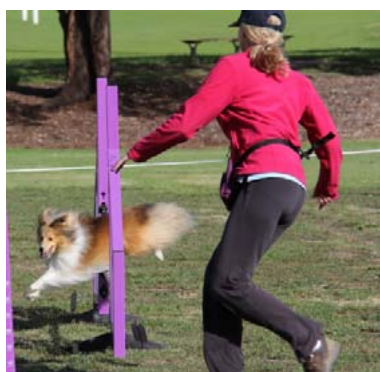
Knox Obedience Dog Club Rooms

7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

Gold coin entry

Open to Members and friends/family of Members

AROUND THE GROUND



WHAT'S WITH THE WEATHER?

This scribe has been agility trialling for 6 years. For the first 5 of those, a trial wasn't abandoned due to adverse weather conditions. The closest we got was one occasion at Croydon when the temperature got close to 30°C when further activity would have been suspended.

We agiliteers are a relatively tough lot and will continue through most inclement conditions. Thankfully we don't suffer snow like many in Europe and North America.

But in just the last year or so we've had 4 trials called off part way through because of bad storms. Our own club's agility trial last October was one example where multiple rain dumpings were tolerated until a freak wind blast flattened all the officials' tents and damaged many of the competitors' gazebo shelters.

Most recently the Moorabbin trial in early April was called off at the half-way point because of the extreme wind and rain. Something's going on.

FLYING HIGH AT MOORABBIN

Moorabbin has the reputation of having Australia's busiest airport by number of take offs and landings (largely due to lots of training). But on April 9th there were more high fliers at Moorabbin's agility trial than at the airport. Although the appalling weather, with its wave after wave of storm fronts, reduced aircraft movements, the dogs and their handlers continued their sometimes flights of fancy until further masochism was finally abandoned after the morning's events.

But before the cessation, Tegan's Pippin and Tracey's Daisy had combined to take First Place in Novice Strategic Pairs against other, much more fancied, competitors.



And last, but not least, Alois and Martha took their Chloe and Bella to a pass in Masters Pairs which gave both dogs their SPDM titles. Many people consider Masters Pairs to be the most difficult to obtain title in the agility repertoire.



Pippin posing for success

Our club's success in the Pairs events continued with Alois combining with Nick to take Nick's poodles Lady and Maimie to a pass.



Also before the abandonment Denise and her sheltie Bella gained their first pass in Novice Agility, and secured First Place in the process. (Our photo is from a previous trial. The Moorabbin event was too wet for photography.)

EASTER AT ALTONA GAVE REFINED PERFORMANCES

The oil refinery was just down the road, but many of our canine performances at the Altona trial were already sufficiently refined. The Altona-based Agility Dog Club of Victoria has probably the smoothest, most finely grassed

surface used for agility trials in Victoria. It's a delight to use. Tegan Smith made the most of it with Pippin, gaining 3 passes including a First Place in Excellent Agility.

DAISY WAS NO APRIL FOOL

Each year the Border Collie Club runs an agility trial open to all breeds. This year it was on April 1st. But Tracey Beresford's diminutive cavoodle Daisy wasn't fooled and gained her Master

Jumping title with a fine Second Place. They followed that up 3 weeks later by earning Daisy's Excellent Agility title at the Action Dogs trial. Two titles in a month – Woo-hoo.

GAMES WORKSHOPPED BEFORE STATE TRIAL

Our recent series of Sunday morning "workshops" on agility games produced somewhat more than the usual shouting and whistle-blowing from the agility ring. But the practice put us in good form for the big games trial held on the last Saturday in April.

The State Agility Trial, which is run each year by Dogs Victoria, had become so large that it's been split and spread over two days. The Games events were doubled to fill the day and the games portion held months later.

The three 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 penalty. Games events are purposely intended to have a greater fun component. The runs often become humorously shambolic as participants attempt to reorder

their sequencing on the run to recover from an error. Laughter is compulsory.

Alois took Chloe to First Place in Masters Snooker.

Nola handled Pearl to two First Places from her 2 Novice Gamblers events. With their earlier passes, that gave Pearl her GD title.



IS IT MAGIC OR PUPPETRY?



Our talented instructor Alois Schnider and his border collie Chloe continue their tour de force at every trial. Their first places at the highest Masters level of competition are too numerous

to mention here. See the Trials Report elsewhere in Pawprint.

What is worth mentioning here however is a recommendation to watch them at practice at the club early on Sunday mornings. There's a communication between man and dog that borders on the telepathy claimed by some magicians. Look closely and you'll see how Alois' hand and body movements control Chloe's actions. Like a puppeteer, Alois' movements are smooth without abrupt changes of direction. But the only strings attached are their need for constant practice to stay in top form.

Norman Morcom with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA JD

Excellent Jumping	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17	1st Place
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Nola Williams with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA JD

Novice Gamblers	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17	Title GD
Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	
Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	
Novice Snooker	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	

Tegan Smith with Pippin AD JDX

Novice Gamblers	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	
Master Jumping	K9 Agility	11/2/17	3rd Place
Master Jumping	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	3rd Place
Excellent Agility	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	1st Place
Master Jumping	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17	3rd Place
Novice Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	1st Place

Margaret Keil with Ch Aukero Limited Edition

Novice Jumping	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	2nd Place
Novice Gamblers	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	3rd Place

Margaret Keil with Ch Duoforza Tivoli RN JD AD GD

Excellent Gamblers	Agility Dog Club of Vic	15/4/17	2nd Place
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Meryl Birchall with Hoku Petite Raulf

Novice Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	1st Place	Title JD
Novice Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	1st Place	
Novice Agility	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17	1st Place	

Tracey Beresford with Daisy JDX AD

Masters Jumping	Cavalier King Charles Club	18/3/17		Title JDM
Masters Jumping	Cavalier King Charles Club	18/3/17	2nd Place	
Masters Jumping	Border Collie Club	1/4/17	2nd Place	
Master Jumping	Agility Dog Club	15/4/17		
Novice Strategic Pairs	Border Collie Club	1/4/17	3rd Place	
Novice Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	1st Place	
Excellent Agility	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	1st Place	
Excellent Agility	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17	1st Place	Title ADX

Dianne Bell with T Ch Waiwilta Mickey JDX AD

Novice Strategic Pairs	Border Collie Club	1/4/17	3rd Place
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Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO GDX SDX SPD

Open Jumping	Border Collie Club	1/4/17	1st Place	Title SPM
Masters Jumping	Agility Dog Club	15/4/17	3rd Place	
Masters Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17		
Masters Gamblers	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17		
Master Jumping	Action Dogs Vic	22/4/17		

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

Masters Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	Title SPM
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Nick Kirchner with Sharmeka Mamie Kirchner RN AD JD

Novice Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	3rd Place
Novice Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	

Nick Kirchner with Obanya Chocolat Lady CCD RE ADX JD

Novice Strategic Pairs	Moorabbin ODC	9/4/17	3rd Place
Novice Strategic Pairs	Dogs Vic	29/4/17	

Emily Kermac with Boskyrhomb Ella

Novice Rally Obedience	Ballaarat DOC	8/4/17	3rd Place	
Novice Rally Obedience	Ballaarat DOC	8/4/17	2nd Place	
Novice Rally Obedience	OTEC Dogs Vic	16/4/17		Title RN

Marta McKenzie with Khayoz Heavens Star CDX RN

Companion Dog Excellence	OTEC Dogs Vic	15/4/17	3rd Place	
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Marta McKenzie with OGr ChT ChTS Ch Yeoville Mastermind UDX RAE AD JD ET

Track & Search Test 10	Golden Retriever Club	25/3/17	Grand Champion	
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Gordon Parsons with Khayoz Steal a Kiss

Community Companion Dog	ASCX	9/4/17	1st Place	
Community Companion Dog	OTEC Dogs Vic	15/4/17	2nd Place	
Community Companion Dog	Croydon & Dist ODC	3/4/17	1st Place	Title CCD

Lynette Milne with Elreav Caramel Fudge CCD

Companion Dog	Warrnambool DTS	11/3/17	2nd Place	
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Christine Devlin with Kiriell The Lady of the Lake RA

Community Companion Dog	Gordon Setter Club	8/10/16	2nd Place	
Community Companion Dog	Croydon & Dist. ODC	4/12/16		
Community Companion Dog	Southern ODTC	18/3/17	1st Place	Title CCD



Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/knoxodc/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/136733145581/>

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

MAY	2017		
Tuesday	2	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	7	Normal Training	
Tuesday	9	Agility Twilight Training	
Saturday	13		KODC Tracking Trial at Ballarat
Sunday	14	Normal Training	KODC Tracking Trial at Ballarat
Tuesday	16	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	21	Normal Training, except Agility	Class Testing (2); No Agility Training (Stratford Trial)
Tuesday	23	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	28	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	30	Agility Twilight Training	
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	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	18	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	23	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	25	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



OBEDIENCE

RALLY-O

TRACKING

AGILITY

