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**Knox Obedience Dog Club
Newsletter**

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**Congratulations Margaretha and Cooper on gaining your
Track & Search Grand Champion Title! Well done!**

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EDITORS REPORT

It appears all the wet weather training paid off for the Agility crew who were faced with somewhat unpleasant conditions the day of the Agility Trial held at KODC in October. Despite the carnage caused by wind and rain, the troops carried on and by all accounts the AM trial was a great success. Unfortunately the squalls set in and the decision was made to call off the PM session. Nevertheless, the Agility Trial organisers, helpers and judges did a magnificent job and put on a great show. Thank you everybody for your help and support. Big report on Page 4 & 5.

Special thanks and appreciation goes to our illustrious Pawprint contributor and Trial Secretary, **Norman Morcom**. No member should be in doubt of Norm's dedication to not just Agility at KODC, but his active participation in the Committee and support of the entire KODC program, including Rally'O, Obedience and Tracking. Norm has given more than could be asked to KODC this year and we are lucky to have him.

A big welcome to new members, those starting out for their first Obedience class and those who have attended other Clubs may be checking out KODC for the first time... **we hope you have a great experience here at KODC.**

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.

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WHY IS MY DOG NOT RESPONDING?

By Marta McKenzie

A handler has asked a dog to do something and the dog doesn't do it. So the owner repeats the request more loudly. If the dog doesn't comply the owner gets frustrated or angry. The dog gets corrected, shaken or worse.

Why do we get upset when dog doesn't comply?
Is he just stubborn ?!

Dogs don't do what we want when we want for many reasons.

Misinterpreted Commands.

If you teach your dog "SIT" when facing you, what happens when you teach loose lead walking and want your dog to sit by your side when you stop? Often he will swing out and sit facing you, because that's what he's been taught. Therefore it is your responsibility teach your dog to sit in different situations.

Body language.

Dogs see motion better than they see detail. When you signal, movement is more important than details. Dogs will pay

more attention to moving objects. So, if you move your hand slightly to signal your dog and you are walking at the same time, your dog has to decide what to pay attention to - the relatively small movement of your hand or to movement and direction of your entire body.

Dogs hear in a frequency range higher than humans.

That means that just like us, they have trouble hearing in the extreme upper and lower ends of their hearing. Unfortunately the human voice, specially the male voice, falls in the lower end of a dog's hearing range. Then there are other sounds like traffic, wind, construction, people talking, other dogs barking.

Nose first.

A dog's sense of smell is the most important sense in how it perceives the world. An interesting or novel smell can be powerfully distracting to a dog while remaining completely undetectable by us. If your dog's nose is to the ground when you give your cue or turned into the breeze, it is possible he is caught in the smell and did not get your message.

TAKING THE STING OUT OF SUMMER.

With the arrival of summer your dog will most likely be spending more time outdoors. And dogs being dogs, they sometimes end up poking their noses in places where they are not supposed to be - which can lead to an unwelcome encounter with angry insect.

Bees, spiders, wasps or hornets can cause painful swelling in the affected area. To treat this kind of sting, the first thing you need to do is locate the sting.

Using a pair of tweezers, gently remove the stinger. Then, to help relieve the itching and burning apply a baking soda poultice (1 tablespoon of baking soda with enough water to create a paste that you can apply to the swollen area.) A cold compress will also help alleviate the pain and swelling. If you don't have a cold compress, a bag of frozen vegeta-

bles will do the trick. If your dog continues to scratch the area, apply calamine lotion.

Spider bites may be treated in the same way as a bee sting, unless you suspect that the bite may be from venomous spider. The symptoms from venomous spider bites include chills, fever, difficulty breathing and shock within 30 minutes to 6 hours. In that case apply ice to the bitten area to slow down the spread of venom and take your dog to the vet immediately.

KODC AGILITY TRIAL 2016

A Report by Norman Morcom – Trial Secretary

On one Saturday each October our club runs a double agility and jumping trial. It's open for anyone to enter and it's very popular among the Victorian agility community. We have people come from as far as Echuca, Warrnambool and Bairnsdale.

This year we had 124 dogs running in 18 events spread over 3 competition rings. Overall 584 separate runs were scheduled. The catalogue had all the agility events in the morning and all the jumping events in the afternoon.

There was much satisfaction in it being the first time we'd been able to use the new oval for agility, and the surface was beautiful.



Nicole & Martha setting up early

But, despite all the preparations undertaken beforehand, nothing prepared us for the onslaught of weather that hit us on the day. A big storm straight off the Southern Ocean repeatedly dumped on us during the day.



Margaret's Palina leaves a trail of water

We could have handled the fact that it was the coldest October day in Melbourne for decades. We could have coped with normal rain for even the whole day. Agiliteers are toughened to that. But we had three very heavy rain squalls go through during the morning's events. There were wide puddles in some of the rings. At times the dogs were running in up to 3cm of water with much splashing and skidding, and the wind kept blowing the jump bars off their supports. Thankfully the new oval didn't get muddy – it just behaved like a paddling pool.



Susan's Pep splashes through the weavers



Anne's Baxter leaping high from a puddle

The third squall was particularly nasty. It flattened the scribe's tent shelters and damaged many of the competitors' gazebos. Some were write-offs. Thankfully all the agility events in the morning's programme had been completed by then, although we'd had a few short pauses during the periods of heaviest rain.



Greg's gazebo suffered irreparable damage

During the lunch break, with the weather forecast indicating continuing storm activity, the club's committee in conjunction with the judges reluctantly decided that all the afternoon's events would be cancelled for safety reasons. Many of the competitors had by then already packed up and gone home.

Photos by Sal Robinson

Most of the successful runs by KODC members are listed on the Trials Report page elsewhere in this Pawprint. But Denise Basile and her sheltie Bella deserve special mention for winning the trophy for the most successful new novice-level dog.

An interesting aspect of the trial was how fully the agility community has embraced electronic on-line entries. Of the 124 dogs entered, only one was by a paper entry. The use of on-line entries provides much easier and more accurate record keeping.



Norm & Bianca trying to keep dry & warm

Running a trial requires a big contribution from many people. We had many volunteer KODC members setting up equipment in the rings from 6am and acting as stewards during the day. Thank you all. I'm particularly thankful also to Trial Coordinator Bianca Delahoy who put in many hours organizing for months beforehand, and to Alois & Martha Schnider and Margaretha Hovens for the catering. Special thanks go also to Nola for putting up with the paperwork mess and my crankiness – you can now have use of the dining table back again.

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

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,) or a dog who is 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

- 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.
- Where doubt exists, the interpretation and application of these rules is determined by the Club President, whose decision on such matters is final.

- 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

- From time to time Instructors and ring users will tie or crate a dog while they are working or

Knox Obedience Club Membership Fees

Membership	Annual Fee	Joining Fee	Total
Juniors (10-16 years)	\$30	\$25	\$55
Single Adult (17 years and older)	\$50	\$25	\$75
Family Unit (2 memberships included)	\$80	\$25	\$105
Additional Memberships - Adult \$20 - Junior \$10			
Pensioner / Senior	\$30	\$25	\$55
Dual Pensioner / Senior	\$50	\$25	\$75

(Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to have control of a dog in any of the classes)

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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 1st November and ends on 31st October.
- Reduced Fees Apply for new memberships after mid year. See office staff for details

TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Date	Training	Other Events
November	Tuesday	1	NO TRAINING	Melbourne Cup Weekend
	Sunday	6	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	8	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	13	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	15	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	20	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Tuesday	22	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	27	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Tuesday	29	Tuesday Night Training	
December	Sunday	4	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	6	Tuesday Night Training	
	Thursday	8	NO TRAINING	Annual General Meeting
	Sunday	11	Last Day Training	Annual Breakup Event

SUNDAY MORNING TRAINING TIMES

First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)	8:30-9:30am
Second Session (Baby Puppies, Beginners, Advanced Baby Puppies & Class 1)	9:45-10:45am
Obedience Trial Ring Work available	From 8:30am
Rally-o Ring available	From 8:30am
Agility Triallers Practice	8:15-9:00am
Agility Intermediates Practice	9:05-9:45am
Agility Beginners Class	9:50-10:30am
Foundation	10:50-11:40am

INSTRUCTORS

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia
Advanced Puppy - Christine
Beginners - Kristy
Class 1 - Ray, Andrew
Class 2 - Vicki, Mark
Class 3 - Ray, Gail
Class 4 - John

Agility - Wendy, Norman, Alois
Obedience Ring Work - Trevor, Marta, Clive, Tim, Gordon
Rally Obedience - Ray
Tracking Instructor - Trevor
Foundation - Alois, Christine, Patricia, Stephanie, Anne, Norman

KODC COMMITTEE

President - Vicki Reid
Vice President - Margaretha Hovens
Vice President & Incorporation Secretary - Henk Morren
Treasurer - Trevor May
Club Secretary - John Nielsen

General Committee Members
 Patricia Roberts
 Debra Cartledge
 Luke Kenny
 Megan Pepprell
 Nola Williams
 Susanne Witty
 Kirsten Petersen
 Norm Morcom

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Teddy Bear Biscuit – A Taste of Sweet Success



The name Teddy Bear Biscuit may suggest a rather fragile layabout character who, while loved by all, quickly crumbles under pressure and falls apart if wet. But, although Kim Morrison's little dog may formally carry that name (more correctly it's Teddybearbiscuit) and has a cuteness that suggests daintiness, her canine Biscuit doesn't exhibit the weakness of her crumbly namesake. Kim's Biscuit is deceptively agile and resilient.

Kim and Biscuit have recently had great success at agility trials. In Novice Jumping in their height range they won First

Prize at the Royal Melbourne Show and First Prize at the big Victorian State Agility Trial.

As Biscuit is a Maltese x Lhasa Apso, she's quite short and has the height of the jumps at their lowest setting. But she's a little pocket rocket. Kim could have trouble keeping up with such a little speedster, but her training of Biscuit has emphasised giving directions from a distance.

While Biscuit may be small in stature she's certainly big on performance.

Mock Trial Judged Fun and Informative

It can be tricky getting to know the procedures and practices involved when competing at an agility trial. The know-how involved is commonly referred to as "ring-craft". Things like "When can I touch my dog?" and "What do I do with the dog's lead?" and "How do I interact with the judge?" are the sort of details a trial entrant needs to know.

To help our first-time entrants practice for our recent trial, we programmed a Sunday morning class to take the form of a "mock trial". Our instructor Norm donned the typical judge

attire of a shirt and tie, and we ran a novice jumping event as close as possible to the real thing, complete with an assembly steward, lead runner, and scorer/scribe. We even had a small trophy for the best run.

Lessons learned included disqualification for wearing a bum-bag even without treats in it, and disqualification for stepping back over the start line before the dog commences.

Congratulations to Meryl Birchall who, with her toy poodle Raulf, won the trophy for the best run on the day.

Bad Weather Encourages New Techniques?

October saw an unprecedented number of trial cancellations due to bad weather. The afternoon of a trial at Berwick was cancelled because of wind. Not only would the bars not stay in place, but dogs were even blown off the dog walk. Then there was our own trial when the afternoon was cancelled because of heavy winds and torrential rain. And then an afternoon at Warrnambool was cancelled, again due to winds and an electrical storm.

Until now it's been unusual to have a trial, or part of one, cancelled in any year. But now we've had three cancellations in one month. Is something serious going on?

The bad weather at recent trials appears to have encouraged agiliteers to teach their dogs new techniques for handling the courses in high winds and heavy rain. We saw a few instances of dogs aquaplaning on their chests like a penguin after jumps at our trial. That's not a bad way to handle a deep puddle if you've lost balance.

An interesting spectacular adaptation is the ninja posture to get over the A-frame while minimising exposure to the wind.



Normal upright stance for calm conditions



Ninja stance for windy conditions

Working Bees Prepare Apparatus for Trial

Elsewhere you'll find a report on our club's annual Agility Trial. A big event like that doesn't happen without a lot of preparation by many people.

We had three working bees, in June and August and the Wednesday evening before our trial, to get our equipment into top shape and make final modifications to comply with the latest rules. It was great to have so many of our agiliteers stay back for a couple of hours after training to grind, drill, screw and paint and to scrub mud off the apparatus so it looked fabulous for the trial.

A special thanks goes to our ring-in David Devlin (he of husky sledding fame) for his skilled welding in the modification to our seesaw frame.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DEAR MEMBERS,

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016**

AT KNOX PARK
KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
CLUBHOUSE
FERNTREE GULLY ROAD, KNOXFIELD

TIME 8.00 PM SHARP

AGENDA Meeting Opens
Apologies
Minutes from Previous Annual Meeting
Balance Sheet
Election of Office Bearers
Motions*
Appointment of Auditor

*Prior notice must have been given to the Secretary before any motion can be discussed at the meeting. Notice must be received in writing no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. All motions received will be posted on the notice board inside the Clubrooms the Sunday before the meeting for prior notification.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Members must have been a financial member of the club prior to September 1st 2016 to be eligible to vote at the meeting.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AS IDENTIFICATION

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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

FOUNDED IN 1967

AFFILIATED WITH THE V.C.A.

Nominations are hereby called for the election of the following Office Bearers and Committee, for the 2016-2017 year.

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENT (TWO)
SECRETARY
TREASURER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (10)

All nominations must be signed by the **NOMINEE, PROPOSER & SECONDER**

PLEASE NOTE:

To be eligible for the position of *President* or *Vice-President*, a Member must have served a full term on Committee.

Nominations close on **Sunday 20th November, 2016** and must be in the hands of the Secretary – John Nielsen, P.O. Box 1093, Mountain Gate, 3156, by this date.

To be eligible to nominate for positions on the Committee, a Member must be financial before the 1st August, 2016. To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, a Member must be financial for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and a financial Member for 2017

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is to be held on the **8th December 2016** at the Clubhouse, Knox Park, commencing at **8.00 pm**, followed by the first General Meeting for the new season.

Any member who is eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, but unable to attend, is entitled to a postal vote. Application for a Postal Vote must be made in writing to the Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

John Nielsen
SECRETARY

KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NOMINATION FORM (2016-2017)

POSITION	:
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	NAME (Printed)	SIGNATURE
NOMINEE		
PROPOSER		
SECONDER		

DATE ____ / ____ / ____

TRIAL REPORT

By Nola Williams

Congratulations to our members who have gained titles and passes in their trials.

Nola Williams with Bonola Silver Black Pearl RA JD

Freestyle Starter Melbourne & Dist. DWD Club 8/10/16

Margaretha Hovens with TS Ch TCh Phoenixhovenscooper

Track & Search Test 9 Bendigo ODC 16/10/16
Track & Search Test 10 German Shepherd DC 21/10/16 **Title TS GrCh**

Gordon Parsons with Beladele Young Yeoman CD RE

Rally Obedience Masters Eastern Suburbs DOC 16/10/16 **2nd Place**
Obedience Open (CDX) Eastern Suburbs DOC 16/10/16 **2nd Place**

Elizabeth McCarthy with Charmhill Rufus CD RA

Rally Obedience Excellent Frankston DOC 9/10/16

Marta McKenzie with O.Gr Ch TCh TSCh Yeoville Mastermind UDX RAE AD JD ET

Track & Search Test 9 German Shepherd DC 22-10-16

Kimberlee Morrison with Teddybearbiscuit

Novice Jumping Royal Melbourne Show 25/9/16 **1st Place**

Martha Schnider with Montulata Jades Gem CCD RE ADM JDM GD SD SPDX

Master Agility Berwick ODC 2/10/16

Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO CDX SDX SPDX

Master Jumping Berwick ODC 2/10/16
Master Jumping East Gippsland DOC 9/10/16 **Title JDM8**
Master Jumping East Gippsland DOC 9/10/16

Julie Short with TCh Lumaal Sasha of Glory TSD

Track & Search Test 5 German Shepherd DC 22/10/16

U & T Rhyn with TS Gr Ch Dual Ch (T/Neu) Awatea Loven Missy UD RAE HT

Rally Obedience Masters Eight Qualifying Trials **Title RM**

U & T Rhyn with TS Gr Ch Dual Ch (T/Neu) Ch Killara Volcanic Lava CDX

Rally Obedience Masters Seven Qualifying Trials **Title RM**

Stephanie Hirst with Wrenmanor Shadow

Novice Jumping Warrnambool DTS 30/10/16 **1st Place**

Stephanie Hirst with AgCh300 Kieno Penny Lane ADM ADO JDM JDO GD SDX SPDX

Master Agility Knox ODC 22/10/16 **2 x 2nd + 1 3rd Place**
Master Agility Warrnambool DTS 29/10/16 **1st Place**
Master Jumping Warrnambool DTS 30/10/16 **4 x 1st Place JDM8**

TITLES GAINED

1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016

To all Handlers could you please check if your Titles are correct and if there is a problem contact the Trials Reporter, Nola Williams.

Handlers Name	Titles this Year	Dog's Name including Titles as at 31/10/16
Geoffrey Brown	CDX (Open)	Spencer CDX
Pam Brown	RA x 2 + RE x 2	Spencer RA, RE News RA + RE
Christine Devlin	RN	Lake RN
Aileen Dibble	RAE4 + RAE5	Puzzle RAE4 + RAE5
Sonia Hall	TD	Enya TD
Stephanie Hirst	ADO + JDO + JDM4 + JDM5 JDM6 +ADM3 + ADM4	Penny
Margaret Hovens	TSDX + TSCH	Cooper TSDX + TSCH TSGrCh
Madeline Kiel	RN + ET x 2 + WWPD	Pirate RN + ET Perdita ET + WWPD
Marta McKenzie	TSCh + CD	Mastermind TSCh Star CD
Lynette Milne	CCD	Fudge CCD
Kimberlee Morrison	JD	Teddybearbiscuit
Shirley Noble	TDX x 2	Eddie TDX Matilda TDX
Gordon Parsons	RE	Yeoman RE
U & T Rhyn	RM x 2	Missy + Lava
Alois Schnider	JDM3 + JDO2 + ADX + JDM4 JDM5 + JDM6 + JDM7 + JDM8	Chlo
Martha Schnider	JDM +ADM	Bella JDM + ADM
Julie Short	TSD + TD + TDX TCh	Sasha TSD Miah TD + TDX + TCh
Nicole Wain	RAE + GD	Max RAE Kimba GD
Rhonda Williams	TCh + TSD	Secret TCh Tale TSD
Susan Witty	AD JD	Pep AD + JD

KODC MEMBERS BLOWN AWAY AT FRANKSTON

By Christine Devlin. Photos by Emily Kermac and Sal Robinson.

KODC members went to KCC Park to compete in the Frankston Obedience & Rally trials on the 9th October. It was the day that the terrible winds caused chaos throughout Victoria, so not many passes were gained.

Motto for the day - We must be mad!!



WHAT'S OUR FOUNDATION CLASS ?

Our Foundation Class is a relatively informal session late on Sunday mornings where a variety of exercises and games are taught as fun activities. Different activities are tackled each week. The revolving programme is repeated each 6 to 8 weeks.



The class is suitable for dogs as young as 6 months and as old as you like. It builds upon the skills you and your dog learn in Classes 1 and 2. It's all relatively informal and the very small group size means the activities can be adapted to suit individuals.

A benefit of foundation training is that your dog will develop many of the attentive, motivational and coordination skills desirable for other activities. With foundation training your dog will have fun doing new activities and you will learn valuable techniques for training at home.



Our instructors include some who are already instructing in early obedience classes and in agility classes. Thank you Alois, Christine, Norman, Anne and Stephanie.



Although one aim of the Foundation Class is to teach some basic skills which are useful before going on to agility, the sessions are suitable for all dogs whether or not you have any agility intentions.

Although it could be likened to agility kindergarten, it's certainly not restricted to young dogs. Older dogs love the simple exercises that don't stress their creaking bodies.

You'll find the Foundation Class happening in front of the clubhouse at about 10:50am each Sunday. Bring plenty of doggie treats.





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