

PAWPRINT

KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

September 2017

CONGRATULATIONS TRACKING CHAMPION



Shirl & 'Eddie' have been trying all year for the elusive title of Tracking Champion.

It all came together at the Dogs Victoria State Tracking trial, Shirl had been working all week on sock games, and getting Eddie to indicate them better, and her hard work paid off!

Congratulations Shirl – onto Track & Search next year!!



Invitation

Knox Obedience Dog Club is celebrating its 50th year of serving the community and you are invited to come and take part in our celebration dinner.

Date: Saturday 7th October 2017

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Ferntree Gully Bowling Club,
Glenfern Road, Ferntree Gully

Buffet meal.

Please let us know if there are any special dietary needs at time of booking

Tickets: \$30 each

Drinks are at bar prices

RSVP: 17th September 2017

All payments by:

Sunday 24th September 2017

Please see Margaretha in the kitchen

Email: vp@knoxodc.org.au

Phone: 0412405418

(No Calls after 8.30pm)

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RALLY NOVICE WORKSHOP

by Christine Devlin



During July & August, the club held a 4 week Rally Novice Workshop for handlers that were interested in learning about Rally.

Week 1 was an introduction to Dogs Vic, learning about 'what is Rally' and what to do when walking the course. Our focus was on the moving signs, we learnt how to perform each station, and where to perform it.

Week 2 was all about trial requirements, what happens on the day and what you should bring. Our focus was on stationary signs, we learnt to count to 3 while waiting after a walk around, and how to count to 3 while taking 1 step, 2 steps, 3 steps.



Week 3 was all about getting dizzy! We learnt the recalls and the 4 types of finishes, we learnt to do serpentine and how to perform the spiral dance.

Week 4 was our Mock trial, with 2 Novice courses being setup – it was difficult in the dark, but with strategically placed lamps and torches we managed.



Thanks to everyone for participating, thanks to Deb & Nicole for helping out, and special thanks to Deb's hubby for the lights!!

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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This year I've had the pleasure of backpacking with my two Dalmatian girls in ANKC backpacking trials. This is quite a new sport title and many people are unaware of backpacking (historically and recreationally) and some of its benefits.

What are the benefits of backpacking with a dog?

It will tire them out more

Carrying a back pack doubles or triples energy expenditure compared to a standard walk.

There are many beautiful on-lead only tracks in our state parks and if you feel these are wasted or stressful with your dog on a short leash, a backpack is an easy way to burn more energy and spend more time enjoying a lovely walk.

Provides the dog with a job or purpose

Besides the dog mentally focusing on something besides walking, it can reduce excitement towards other dogs and people, it can be calming to dogs, it can reduce pulling behaviours and wanderlust whilst improving some lead manners with training.

Practicality

Your dog can carry its own gear! Even an untrained dog of good health should be able to carry 5-10% of its body weight in a backpack, this can easily be made up of bags, water, a spare lead, a compact bowl or even some treats which is less stuff you need to carry. You can also sneak your own items in like keys or an extra bottle of water.



Conditioning

Backpacking is form of resistance training which has many of the same benefits on canines as on their human counterparts including developing strength and muscle mass and improving flexibility and stability of many joints (protecting joint health), improving cardiovascular function, improved metabolism and mood.

When trained appropriately there are enormous benefits for many dogs but it does require training just like any physical activities.

The ANKC titles

Backpacking was approved by the ANKC as a "Sled sport" title in 2015.

There are 2 titles available Working Pack Dog (WPD) and Working Pack Dog Excellent (WPDX) This year saw the first events in Australia held, 2 clubs (1 in NSW & 1 in Vic) ran sanctioned trials towards the working pack dog(WPD) title.

These events are challenging on dog and handler so of course, practice and training, including increasing distance and weight carried up to the trial 'standard' are recommended!

In plain English, to qualify for the Working Pack Dog (WPD) title, the dog must do 64km over at least 2 trips. This year all trial events were 16km so 4 passes qualified for the WPD title.

The dog must begin the hike with 30% of their body weight but they can consume food and water from the pack over the duration of the hike up to approximately 25% of its initial weight.

This means for a 20kg dog at trial they would begin with 6kg of weight in their backpack and need to finish with a at least 4.5kg to obtain a pass

Trials are on lead and done on natural terrain such as hiking trails or cross country.

The events in Victoria this year were held at mount macedon and the you yangs, which provided beautiful scenery along the way.

There is a heat policy for this sport of 25 degrees.

Unfortunately as we approach spring this means ANKC trials have wrapped up for the season. But the Alaskan Malamute club of Victoria still has a few club hiking events for 2017.

Sunshine, warm weather, tracking in T-Shirts! That's not typical tracking conditions. But it sure makes the day more enjoyable.

The 3 day event at Inverleigh saw the Knox girls finally get their act together and get some passes.

Sonia & 'Enya' were tracking on the Saturday, and passed their Track 6 which earns them a Tracking Dog Excellent title.



Pat & 'Storm' were also competing on Sunday, and also passed their Track 4.



Chris & 'River' were competing on Sunday, and passed Track 4.



2 weeks later and Pat & 'Storm' follow this up with another success at the Dogs Vic State Tracking Trial, and pass their Track 5.



SOME AGILITY CLASSES CANCELLED IN COMING MONTHS

A significant development this year is that many clubs are running their agility trials on Sundays.

We are fortunate in having three agility instructors, another "about to be" instructor and a couple of very experienced advisors to help with classes.

There will be a few Sundays during October and November however when agility classes will not be running.

See the Calendar in this Pawprint, or the chart on the rear of the agility trailer, for details

TRIALLING NEWS

The agility trialling season got back into full swing during August with clubs in Wangaratta, Bairnsdale and Hastings running events. Our club members have been very successful in gaining passes, First Places, and titles too numerous to list here. But we do have some photos from the Hastings trial.



Anita and 'Hazel'



Heather and 'Delta'



Anne and 'Mimi'



Martha and 'Bella'



Sue and 'Maddie'



Meryl and 'Raulf'

TRIALS REPORT

by Nola Williams
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Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO GDX SDX

Masters Jumping	Bairnsdale & Dist ODC	6/8/17	2 nd Place
Masters Jumping	Wangaratta Kennel & ODC	14/8/17	1 st Place
Open Jumping	Bairnsdale & Dist ODC	6/8/17	1 st Place
Open Jumping	Wangaratta Kennel & ODC	14/8/17	1 st Place

Miss M Keil & Mr J Lodington with Trudals Perdita ET WWP

Rally Obedience Novice	Geelong ODC	29/4/17	
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Sled Sport Backpacking	American Staff Terr Club	13/5/17	

Miss M Keil & Mr J Lodington with Jaidee Princess Pirate RN ET

Sled Sport Backpacking	American Staff Terr Club	13/5/17	
Sled Sport Backpacking	Alaskan Malamute Club NSW	29/7/17	
Sled Sport Backpacking	Alaskan Malamute Club NSW	30/7/17	
Sled Sport Backpacking	American Staff Terr Club	19/8/17	Title WPD

Sonia Hall with Kwikpaws Enya TD

Tracking Test No. 6	Tracking Club of Vic	13/8/17	Title TDX
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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.

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 your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana. 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	



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TRAINING CALENDAR

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)
Tuesday	26	Agility Twilight Training	
Saturday	30		KODC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL
OCTOBER	2017	☞ 50 th Birthday Celebrations ☛	
Sunday	1	Normal Training	
Tuesday	3	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	8	Normal Training	NO AGILITY TRAINING
Tuesday	10	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	15	Normal Training	NO AGILITY TRAINING
Tuesday	17	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	22	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	24	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Saturday	28		KODC AGILITY, JUMPERS & GAMES TRIAL
Sunday	29	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	31	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
NOV	2017		
Sunday	5	Normal Training	
Tuesday	7	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	12	Normal Training	
Tuesday	14	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	21	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	28	Obedience & Agility Twilight Training	

INSTRUCTORS 2017

Supervisor of Training – David Thorn

Agility - Norman, Alois, Wendy

Obedience Ring Work - Marta, Tim, Gordon

Rally Obedience - Deb

Tracking - Trevor

Foundation - Alois, Martha, Christine, Norman

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia

Advanced Puppy - Peter

Beginners - Kristy, John

Class 1 - Bob, Warwick

Class 2 - Mark

Class 3 - John, Peter

Class 4 – Kristy

Trainee Instructors:

Obedience: Tash, Rose, Julz

Agility: Sue



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