

Hello members

Gum boots have been a necessity over the last few weeks as we have certainly had some muddy and wet conditions to contend with at the Showground over June and July. As a general rule, providing it is not torrential rain on the actual day, training still goes ahead. However, if because of really bad weather conditions in the week prior, the grounds are just too wet and muddy and it is decided to cancel training, then this will be included in Radio 2ST's ground closure announcements. As soon as our Web site is on line it will be included there and for those who have email I will send you a message.

### **Open Gardens Scheme**

As mentioned before, Peter is going to generously donate the gate takings from the Mirambeena Open Garden weekend to the Dog Club. It is to be held the weekend of 23 and 24 September and we are looking for volunteers to collect the entry fee at the gate. Please see Peter, Diane or myself if you can spare some time that weekend.

### **Garage Sale**

Another fund raising event is the Garage Sale to be held the October long weekend at Robyn Carstens home in Ulladulla. We would like items to be dropped off directly at Robyn's if possible, or if they are not heavy or bulky, you can bring them along to training. If you have any large items please talk to Robyn about making arrangements to get them to her home. All proceeds will go to the Club – if you can help on the day please let Robyn know.

### **Funding Application**

A big thank you to Julie for her efforts in putting together an application under the Federal Government's Small Equipment Grant program. We have made an application for funding for a portable sound system and will now have to wait and see if we are successful. The Club did apply to local Clubs for financial assistance but has received advice from the Golf Club and the Ulladulla Ex-servicemen's Club that we were unsuccessful.

### **Clickers for sale**

The Club now has training Clickers for sale at a cost of \$8. They come with instructions, and your instructor or Diane can give you more details.

"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts."

- John Steinbeck

### **Dogs NSW**

The NSW Canine Council is now known as Dogs NSW. Our Club recently obtained the new rulebooks for the Conduct of Obedience Trials, which are effective from 1.7.06. A new category of Community Companion Dog for dogs six months of age or over, has been introduced and the title CCD can be obtained by achieving 3 qualifying scores of 75 or more points, under at least two different judges. Any dog can be entered, but you would need to be a member of Dogs NSW. The exercises are Heel on lead, stand for examination on lead, recall, 1 min sit stay and 2 min down stay. Obedience Trails are held at various locations throughout the State. Please see Diane or your instructor if you would like more information.

### **Awards**

Kim's "Bella" was awarded her AD in Agility Dog NSW Trials at Castle Hill, she now holds her AD and JD and is also a Delta Dog. A fantastic achievement

### **Club Championship 2006**

Thank you to everyone who has entered the Club Championship. The events will take place on Saturday 26 August commencing at 9am and the judges are Peter and Bob. We hope many of you will come along and support your fellow members who are taking part in the events. Morning tea will be provided.

### **Did you know?**

The Dog Club held its first meeting in 1979 and current member Margaret Rudd was a member in that first year. The Club has held classes at many different locations including, Milton Public School and the Ulladulla Ex-Servicemen's car park! We came to the Milton Showground in the 1980s. The Club has been involved in many different ventures over the years, from Baby Shows (1982), Blessing of the Fleet Parade (from 1980 -1990), running of Milton Showground Markets with the Milton-Ulladulla Basketball Club at Milton Showground during most of the 1980s, demonstrations at the Crooybar Cup (1981), and more recently, Milton Settlers Fair, Scarecrow Festival, Lions Australia Day and RSPCA Million Paws Walk.

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