

MUDTC Newsletter



President's Message

Hi Members

This is nearly the end of 2015 – it has gone so quickly but the Club has made some great moves as well. High on the list is the new off-leash dog park, the funding of which some of our members contributed to, as they thought it was a great need for the community. Many thanks to Mark, Eddie, Warwick and Adam for the many, many hours of work they put in installing the fences and gates, and planting the trees which will give us some shade in the years to come. Grateful thanks to members Jan Lyall and Rick Venning who have each donated a seat, which are ordered and should be installed in the new year. Thanks also, to the many other members who sought fund-raising and helped in other ways, especially Alison who has chopped her way through kilos of soft treats and packaged them up to be sold at Dog Club. All profits from the sales have helped fund works at the Dog Park, a fantastic effort!

Another big one in 2015 was the gaining of Jenny Marshall who is a very-well known agility judge and instructor and we are very lucky to have someone with such experience helping us out with classes and courses. Our agility is flourishing as a result.

The Club would not exist without our generous Instructors and Helpers. Special thanks to Cheryl who is at the Club every Sunday on the desk and sorting out orders and money as our Treasurer. Also Margaret and Tracey who man the new members table. Instructors Belinda, Janet, Diane, Mark, Liz, Rick, Jenny P, Jenny M, myself, and our assistant Instructors Rosemary, Colleen and Cheryl, all of whom give up many hours each week to help and instruct our classes. Special thanks as well to our Showground Management Committee representatives, Rick and Alison who attend the quarterly meetings on our behalf.

Over summer we are hoping to have some special classes in agility, flyball and rally-o if we get enough members interested. You will find the information later in this newsletter as well as Facebook and email notifications.

So I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break, has heaps of fun with their dogs and lots of good health.

Regards

Rosie Milton

President



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Special Points of Interest

NO training Sunday 8 November

Award and Party Day see Page 2

Summer School see Page 2

Last Training Day 29 November



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Club News and Information

What's Happening?

This **Sunday 1 November** is our last intake for the 4 week Quick Start Course for this year. Baby puppies will be able to join until our last training day on 29 November.

No Dog training classes on **Sunday 8 November** as it is the annual Stock Horse Event at the Showground.

Our Club AGM will be held at 10.15am on **Sunday 15 November** after training. Everyone is invited to attend and if you would like to stand for Committee, or help out in any way, please let us know. Nomination forms for positions were circulated with last month's Newsletter and hard copy is available at the Clubhouse.

There is a Timber Festival Event at the Showground on Saturday 21 November. Dog training is on as usual on **22 November**, but the wood chop area will not be available to use for Quick Start training class, and so the class will be relocated to another area in the Showground.

Award Presentation and BBQ



Sunday 29 November is our Award Presentation, Christmas Party and last training day before the Summer break. This will be a free day when we will hold a Club combined class from 9 - 9.30am followed by some demonstrations, games, Award Presentations and a sausage sizzle. Tea and coffee will be available. Please bring your own cold drinks and a chair to sit on. All members and their

immediate family welcome. Please give your name and numbers attending to Cheryl at the Clubhouse by 22 November, so we know how many people to cater for ☺

Please would any member who holds a perpetual trophy from last year's Awards return it to the Clubhouse by Sunday 22 November.

Summer School

Usual training classes finish on 29 November 2015 and recom-



mence 7 February 2016. Consideration is being given to holding Summer School sessions for members on some Sundays in January at the Showground, cost will be a one-off fee of \$10 per dog. The \$10 will cover all sessions you attend, and is payable in advance by Sunday 22 November 2015.

Summer school will be held early on Sunday mornings, and could include the following disciplines:

- Agility – Beginners through to Advanced 7.30am–9am
- Flyball – getting started through to more advanced 9am–10am
- Obedience – Rally O – Rally O is where a series of exercises for your dog are set out over a course. Dogs at any level will be able to attempt some of the exercises – 9am–10am

So we can gauge the level of interest please email rosiem45@me.com by Friday 6 November stating which disciplines you would like to attend.



Club News and Information

A Safe Summer – at a Glance

Heatstroke

- Never leave a dog in the car
- Always have cool water available
- Always have shade available
- Walk in the evening, when it is cooler

Sunburn

- Provide a shady resting space
- Put sunscreen on a pink nose

Drowning

- Supervise dogs around water
- Fence your pool and close the gate
- Teach your dog to swim
- Learn CPR

Storms and fireworks

- Secure your yard
- Keep your dog indoors in times of obvious danger
- Update microchip records
- Fit a secure collar and tag

Holidays

- Find pet-friendly accommodation
- Find out about local flora and fauna in the area
- Update vaccinations
- Upon your return, check regularly for ticks

Ticks and Pests

- See your vet about preventative measures.
- Check your dog for ticks regularly (early signs might be the appearance that your dog has something stuck in its throat, vomiting or heavy loud breathing, watch out for paralysis or weakness in the hind legs).
- Learn to recognise the symptoms of snake bite (signs include vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy and weakness in the back legs).
- Keep your dog away from snake prone areas.
- Keep your vet's phone number handy.

Enjoying Sunday at Dog Club

Billie's dog Lily showing us how much she loves her toy and how well she does the sit exercise at Sunday training



Out and About with Rico

Member Jan tells us that “on Sunday 25 October Rico met quite a few of his close relatives at the get-together of the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of NSW at Tuckerman Park at Little Austinmer Beach (see photo). He even met a girl with whom he shares a great uncle. It was a glorious day and the dogs all got along very well together playing in the water and running on the sand. It is a wonderful beach and is leash free 24/7 – if only we had a similar one here!”





Our Demo Team performing with style at IRT Sarah Claydon on 19 October





Members Corner

If you have any photos or stories for the Newsletter please email to newsletter@mudtc.org.au

A warm welcome to all our recent new members. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.

Congratulations!

Graduation from Quick Start:

Kerry Terechovs and Rosey; Rachel and Peter Thomas with Beau; Kate Baker and Poppy; Natasha Backhouse and Chief: Tracey Wakeford and Rooster

Promotion from Basic to Intermediate: Denise Gilford and Ruby

Promotion from Intermediate to Advanced: Margaret Rudd and Sunday.

Birthday Wishes

Happy belated birthday wishes to Rick's dog Bindy who was 5 years old at the beginning of October. Bindy had a great time recently as a member of the Demonstration team which performed at Sarah Claydon.

Best Wishes

- Sending get well wishes to Instructor Mark who has recently had some knee surgery. Rex and Sophie are very pleased he is up and about again, so they can go for a run at the Showground!
- Very pleased to report that Rosemary's Cairn terrier Flynn is on the mend after time at the Vet because of a tick

Training Gear

Please remember to bring a water bowl for your dog to training. Also members are reminded to wear shoes, such as trainers, as open sandals are unsuitable for training class.

Letters about the Dog Park

If you enjoy using the fenced Dog Park at the Showground, please write a short note about it and leave it at the Clubhouse. We will be writing to Council soon about the Park, and want to include copies of your letters. The aim is to let Council know the positive benefits of such areas, so they may be persuaded to build similar parks in other parts of the Shoalhaven.

Guessing Competition

Tickets will be available from this Sunday 1 November for our Guessing Competition to be drawn at the end of year Party on 29 November. There are 3 great prizes of dog goodies and tickets cost \$2 each; 3 for \$5 or 5 for \$7. Margaret will have books of 10 tickets available at the New Member table so you can take tickets away to sell to family and friends. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of training equipment for our Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, be safe, be happy and be kind to each other





Results Page

Congratulations!

If you would like your results included in the Newsletter please send details to newsletter@mudtc.org.au or let Diane know.



Congratulations to Natasha and her puppy Chief who went to the White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of Australia National Show on 18 October at Castle Hill. This was the first time she has shown a dog and Natasha said she had a fantastic time and has lots to learn.

“At Southern Highlands Obedience & Rally Trial 18 October, Lady (Crama Lady Of The Lake RE,AD,JD,AFCH) gained a Qualie and 4th Place in Rally Excellent B, and a Qualie and 5th place in Rally Advanced B, not bad for an 11yr old, and Rusty (Tegoura Friends For Life RN) gained his 2nd qualie in Community companion dog coming 3rd, and his 1st Rally Advanced he got his 1st qualie and came 3rd also...so proud of my fur babies...also he got 1st in intermediate dog at the breed show” Diane



Check for New Member joining date (usually 1st Sunday in month) and Committee Meeting dates (usually held 2nd Sunday in the month) as these often change. Event dates and agility classes are subject to change so always check with your Instructor to confirm

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1st **7.30 - 9am Intermediate & Advanced Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9am - 10am Beginner Agility **

**8th NO TRAINING
STOCK HORSES AT SHOW-GROUND**

15th **7.30 - 9am Intermediate & Advanced Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9am - 10am Beginner Agility **

10.15am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd **7.30 - 9am Intermediate & Advanced Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9am - 10am Beginner Agility **

29th END OF YEAR AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



Last training day for 2015 is 29 November.
Training resumes Sunday 7 February 2016.
Pre Agility classes resume February 2016.