



MUDTC Newsletter

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

Vice President's Report

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Hi, everyone. Welcome to your VP's first ramblings for the year. Training has been disrupted quite a lot over the past weeks but I know everyone will have been doing their homework and keeping their and their dog's skills on an upwards trend.

I thought for my first ramblings I would make some observations about our club, its committee and helpers, its trainers and its members. It is a joy to see everyone arriving on Sunday mornings, their dogs eager to see their friends, to play and mix with them and eager for class to begin.

Our club is rather unique in many ways. We are one of the very few clubs that not only provides Obedience training, but also quality Agility lessons, Rally-O, Flyball, and fun and games for you and your dog to enjoy. Most clubs provide either Obedience or Agility; and Flyball, Rally-O, Tracking, Hunting etc., are separate. Our club provides an integrated training regime and we are lucky to have trainers highly skilled in all of these disciplines and prepared to teach those skills to everyone in the club, regardless of what breed of dog you may own.

Our classes are structured and provide a variety of skills, activities and games that keep them interesting and enjoyable and provide a lot of interaction between handlers and dogs. They are designed to be fun and to encourage everyone to keep coming week after week. The Trainers in our club are all very dedicated volunteers who put a lot of thought into every lesson they teach. There is a lot of communication between Trainers outside of their classes to ensure teaching remains at a high standard.

The thing I have noticed since joining the club 15 years ago, is the types of members we have. There are those who attend for a few weeks then disappear, either because it is not what they are looking for, or getting up early every Sunday morning is not an attractive proposition. There are those who attend for several months, or a year until they think their dog is trained to the level they want and they drop out.



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NO TRAINING CLASSES SUNDAY 15 MAY

There are other members who remain in the club for a few years, going through all the classes, doing some Agility, or Rally-O, entering the club's competitions and generally having a great time before other interests and activities draw them away. Then there are those others who join the club, progress through the classes, become involved in other aspects of the club, committee, volunteering for training, helping out at events, joining the demonstration team and generally making Sunday morning at the club a part of their lives. Quite often these people bring several dogs into the club over a long period of time.

It is this latter group of members who become the back-bone of the club and do the work that continues to make the Milton-Ulladulla Dog Training Club one of the more successful and unique Dog Clubs in Australia. All members of our club and their dogs are important for the success of the club and the friendliness between members, trainers, volunteers and committee keeps us going year after year.

To all of our members, your club has a lot to offer you and your dogs. You choose the amount of involvement you want and the activities you want for your dog. Maybe you could give some thought to becoming a long term member of our club, someone who stays for years, rather



than a year or two. Become a part of the Training team, volunteer to help at club functions, join the demonstration team, take part in Club Obedience and Agility competitions, join the committee or assist in other ways on Sundays. There is always a need for a continual influx of 'new blood' into the club and I know that you will enjoy the involvement. We have a lot of fun and some wonderful morning teas! We all have one thing at least in common, and that is our love of dogs...a great basis for some long term friendships.

Happy Training

Rick Venning - Vice President

Morning Tea to Celebrate the Completion of the Dog Park

Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea this Sunday 1 May at 10.30am after training. We will meet over at the Dog Park at 10.30am to thank any individuals, businesses or organization who are able to join us, for their contribution. We will then go back to the Clubhouse for one of our famous morning teas. (Please bring your own chair).

To give us time to get ready for the Morning Tea we will close the Club-

house at 9am when classes start, and we won't be available this week to sell equipment after classes at 10am.

Cheryl and Rosemary arrive before training every Sunday to open the Clubhouse from 8am and so if you want to purchase training equipment they are available before classes. Cheryl and Rosemary are both Assistant Instructors and are needed in class at 9am and so if you need to purchase equipment, please arrive early.

CLUB COMPETITIONS



Each year the Club holds Obedience and Agility Competitions for Club members.

The Agility Competition is held over 4 separate Sundays at 7.30am in the Agility Area. Obedience classes are held as usual at 9am on those days. The first agility competition runs are on Sunday 29 May and entries are taken on the day. There are 3 competitions, all run on the same Sunday; the Tessa Rudd Trophy for Club Agility (medium and large dogs), the Penny Cullen Trophy for Club Agility (small dogs) and the Kelly Venning Memorial Trophy for Club Agility (any size dog). If a member has trialed in agility, or won or placed in competitions such as the Fun Agility Jumping comp at the Milton Show or our own Tessa Rudd or Penny Cullen Trophies they are **not** eligible to enter the Kelly Trophy with the same dog, as it is a jumping competition designed purely for beginners and does not include all agility equipment. The dates for the other runs are 31 July, 25 September and 27 November.

This year the Obedience Competition will be held on Sunday 24 July. There are 3 levels of competition to give as many members as possible the chance to compete, the levels are Beginners, Novice and Open (Advanced). Each level has a set number of exercises, judged by Club Instructors.

Chief Instructor Diane, together with Instructors Liz and Belinda is currently working on the exercises for this year's Obedience Competition. As soon as the details are finalised we will let you know.

The winner of the Novice competition is awarded the President's Trophy. A member who has won or placed in this Trophy previously, is not eligible to enter The President's Trophy again with the same dog.

There are two Open (Advanced) trophies, one for medium/large dogs which is the Lyn Brooks Champion Companion Trophy, and one for smaller dogs, the Marion Mann Trophy.

Usual agility and obedience classes are not held on Competition day, 24 July.

Please see Rosie (Agility) or Diane (Obedience) for more information about the Club Competitions.

CLUB COMMITTEE 2016

Committee Members

President - Rosie Milton
Vice-President - Rick Venning
Secretary - Belinda Smithers
Assistant Secretary - Janet Smith
Treasurer/Public Officer - Cheryl Ball
Chief Instructor - Diane Richmond
Assistant Chief Instructor - Jenny Patch
Publicity Officer - Margaret Rudd
New Members Team - Margaret Rudd & Colleen Ringe
Equipment Officer - Mark Wilden
Catering Officer - Jenny Patch
General Committee Members

- Billie Macleod
- Natasha Backhouse
- Jan Lyall

Instructors

Diane Richmond
Jenny Patch
Rosie Milton
Jenny Marshall
Janet Smith
Colleen Ringe
Belinda Smithers
Liz Karacsonyi
Natalie Moore
Mark Wilden
Rick Venning

Assistant Instructors

Rosemary Rixon
Danielle Butson
Cheryl Ball

Committee Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Sunday of each month after training. All Club members are welcome to attend. Alternatively you can talk to any Committee member, especially one of the 3 General Committee members, Billie, Natasha or Jan and ask them to raise suggestions for discussion on your behalf.



OBEDIENCE & AGILITY TRIALLING

Formal Obedience Competition Trialling is run by Dogs NSW and anyone who wants to trial has to be a member of Dogs NSW. Here is a link which describes the various exercises required for each level of Obedience Trialling.

<http://www.dogsnsw.org.au/activities-a-events/obedience/about-obedience.html>

Our Club is an affiliate of the Agility Dog Association of Australia, known as ADAA and we hold a Competition for Titles event each year at the Showground in August. The dates this year are 20 and 21 August. You must be a financial member of ADAA to enter this competition. Because we are an affiliate Club, our Club members are entitled to apply for Gold Membership at a cost of \$50 for 3 years. More details are available at the ADAA web site

<http://www.adaa.com.au/join.htm>



Dog Training is cancelled on 15 May so members can attend the Ulladulla & South Coast branch of the RSPCA annual Dog's Day Out on Sunday, May 15. This year the event has moved to the Mollymook Beach Reserve instead of Lions Park at Burrill.

"It is a fun, social day for both people and their dogs, and also an important fundraiser for us as part of the RSPCA's national Million Paws Walk event," said branch representative Nicole Rattenbury.

The theme is fancy dress. Milton Ulladulla Dog Club members and their dogs will perform an agility and obedience demonstration. There will be a treasure hunt, fun dog

competitions with prizes, face painting for the kids and food stalls.

There will also be RSPCA dogs available for adoption on the day and local Vets on hand to answer questions about your pets.

Participants will take a short walk along the Mitchell Parade footpath with their pooches then head back to the main area for all the activities. Entry is free, but donations are welcome. All dogs must remain on leash at all times.

If you would like more information about the day, or volunteering with the Ulladulla branch of the RSPCA, contact them on 0414 749 490 or email ulladulla-branch@rspcansw.org.au.

MUDTC CLUB CLASSES

From 1 May our Club Classes, after Quick Start, will be described by using numbers, and Classes will be as follows:-

Baby Puppy with Instructor Belinda

Quick Start– now 8 weeks with Instructors Janet and Colleen

Class 1 (formerly Beginners) with Diane

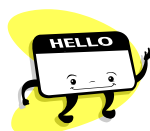
Class 2 (formerly Basic) with Mark

Class 3 (formerly Intermediate) &

Class 4 (formerly Advanced) with Instructors Liz and Rick

Please ask your Instructor for a new sticker to go on your name badge.

Please wear your name badge to training. Your Instructors like to know your name, and especially your dog's name, also other members can get to know you.



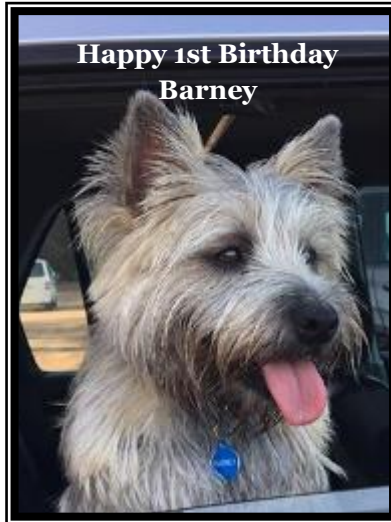
CLUB PHOTOS



Member Robyn Perry's dog Sacha alert and ready to start Sunday training class



Jenny Patch's dog Billy celebrating his birthday in April - 12 Years young



Happy 1st Birthday Barney

Cairn Terrier Barney's trainers are Sarah Ward & Philip Cumming



Janis and John Price started this year with dogs Gypsy and Lexi



Poor Fudge has an injured back leg, best wishes to Fudge and handler Karen Gould - Hope Fudge is better very soon



Happy Birthday to Jai owned by Agility Instructor Jenny Marshall - Jai was 14 years on 1 April.

CLUB PHOTOS



Demonstration at Sarah
Claydon 26 April



Demo Team Members:

Rick and Bindy; Liz with Shelby and Rose; Rosemary and Flynn; Diane and Rusty; Bea and Bonnie; Rosie with Wizz, Mikki and Tazzi; Jan and Rico; Lynne and Sheba; Belinda and Kelly

Demo Roadies: Jenny and Janet

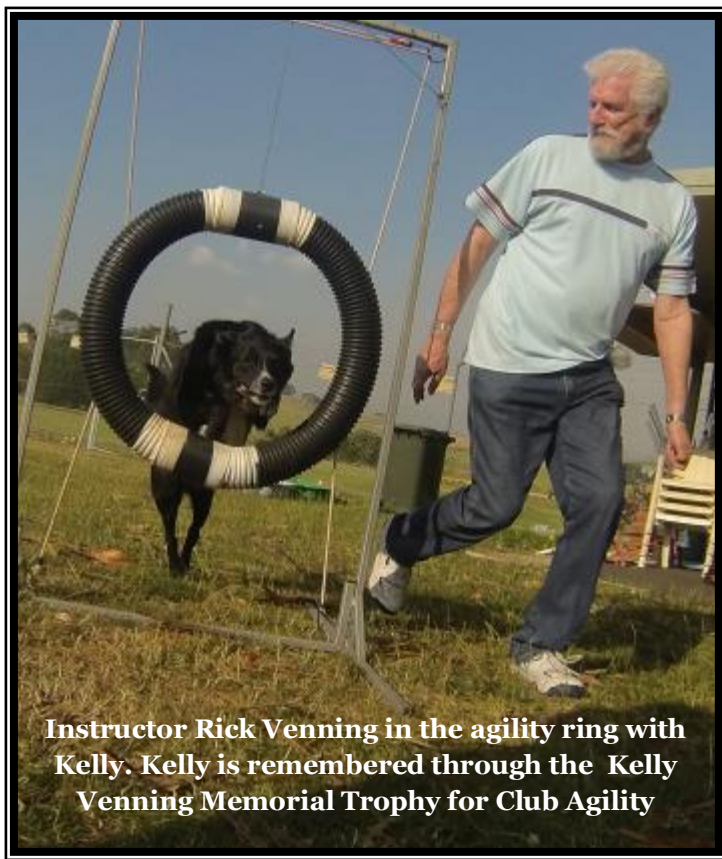


Photos courtesy: Janet Smith;

INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

Thank you to all our Club Instructors who volunteer their time to take training Classes each Sunday.

This month we profile Intermediate/Advanced Class (Class 3/4) Instructor Rick Venning.



Instructor Rick Venning in the agility ring with Kelly. Kelly is remembered through the Kelly Venning Memorial Trophy for Club Agility

1. What is your involvement with the Club?

I joined the club in 2001 with my dog Kelly. Progressed through all grades at a steady rate and became an Instructor several years ago. I have no formal Dog Training apart from Instruction by Peter Hudson in my last year of training and in-service courses run by the Club. I began agility with Kelly from 2002 and won the Margaret Rudd (Now Tessa Rudd) club agility competition in 2008. I have been involved in the Club's Demonstration Team from around 2003 and now design routines for this group and participate in demonstrations with my dog Bindy. Kelly and I participated in Demonstrations until she turned 12 when Bindy took her place in the team.

2. How long have you been a member of the Club?

I have been a member of the Club for 15 years and honoured to be made a Life Member at the end of 2015.

3. What are your top training tips?

Be patient, consistent and positive when training new skills. Do not get frustrated when your dog does not perform at the Club "but he/she does it perfectly every time at home....".

4. What dogs do you own?

My current dogs are a Black & Tan Kelpie named Bindy and a small Silky Terrier named Jazmin. They are the best of friends and enjoy travelling with Juliette and me. All of my previous dogs have been Border CollieXKelpie which I think are the ideal dog. I tend to love all breeds of dogs and enjoy seeing them improve through training.

5. What is your personal training goal?

My personal training goal is to become a better Instructor, to become more knowledgeable about training techniques and methods; and to help my dog Bindy to improve her social and behavioural skills.

Photo: Courtesy Rick Venning



MEMBER'S CORNER If you have any photos, stories, or results for the Newsletter please email them 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 to members Karan Kearney & Obi, John Hayes & Emma, Philip Cumming, Sarah Ward & Barney, Jan Martin & Meg, Jade McDonald & Sasha, Pip Barrington & Benaud, Janis Price & Lexi, John Price & Gypsy on their promotion to Class 1.

Committee Meeting

This month's committee meeting is on Sunday 8 May at 10.15 after training. Visit <http://mudtc.org.au/calendar.pdf> to view our weekly program.

Pre-Agility

Pre agility classes will be held again in June. Please add your name to the list at the Clubhouse if you are interested in attending this Class.

Enjoying the Dog Park

Talking with member Debbie recently she sends her regards and looks forward to getting back to training soon with Kelpie X Ollie. In the meantime she has been exercising Ollie at the Dog Park, and says it is fantastic for her to be able to let Ollie run free and use up some of his endless energy!

Best Wishes

Sending our best wishes to Instructor Mark Wilden who is taking some time away from Dog Club to care for family members. We miss you and are thinking of you.

Dogs V Stairs

A u-tube clip from Life Member Roy to enjoy !

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/gghfoRKVPCo?rel=0>

Community Matters

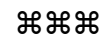
Next time you make a purchase at the Heritage Bakery on corner Princes Highway and Croobyar Road (at the traffic lights), please ask for a token to use for the Community Jars. The Dog Club is one of 3 recipients of this Community Matters fund raiser. The organisation whose jar has the most tokens receives \$300 and the other two receive \$100 each. Thank you to Heritage Bakery for this great initiative.

Faithfull Friend



Member Natalie Moore will be at training classes this Sunday 1 May. She was recently training for a running event in the bush with dog Bolt when she fell and

injured her ankle. She was helpless and couldn't move for some time, faithfull Bolt stayed right by her side till help arrived. Hope the ankle is on the mend Nat - take care!



How do you know when it is time to "hang up the car keys"?
I say when your dog has this look on his face!
A picture is worth a thousand words!

