



Hello members

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**STOP PRESS:
AGM
24 February 2008**

**NO TRAINING
2 MARCH**

Welcome back everyone, great to see you all again at training on Sunday, also a very warm welcome to all our new members and their dogs.

Our end of 2007 party provided a fitting venue to make our Award presentations for the year, congratulations to all our winners. There was also the opportunity for members to see various dog training events. The Croquet players from the front area of the Showground were amazed by Joe's Gundog demonstration and took a break from playing croquet to watch several of the training events. Thanks to everyone who took part in the Fancy Dress competition and to Andrew and Rebecca from Ulladulla Vets who again had the challenging job of picking our fantastic winners, especially the "blushing bride".

Thank you very much to everyone who sold tickets for our guessing competition, which was drawn at the Christmas Party. 429 tickets were sold, and as the only outlay was for the Scratch Tickets our profit was \$* – a great result. Thank you to IGA Milton for donating the \$* voucher and to member Roy for donating the other prizes. The winning ticket numbers were; Yellow 98E; Yellow 23E; Yellow 42E and Green 52B and all prizes have been distributed.

(Finances are not disclosed on electronic (web site) versions of the Newsletter but are disclosed on the hard copy distributed on training days.)*

Over the Christmas break the demo team worked hard to put together a wonderful demonstration for Australia Day at Mollymook Beach. The event was very well received by the large audience. Sincere thanks to everyone involved in putting together the program and to those who took part, it was a wonderful public promotion for our Club.

Our appreciation also goes to Rosie who held clicker training classes over the break, which have helped several of our members, and given them a new insight into this alternative training method.

Our Club's next demonstration will be prior to the 2pm Pet Show at Milton Show on Friday 29 February. On Saturday March 1 again at the Milton Show the Club has organised an Agility competition and Rosie has arranged for experts in fly ball to give a demonstration in this exciting sport – so do hope many of you will come along to support members in these events. For more details of how to enter the Agility competition please see Instructor Peter, or make enquiries at the Clubhouse.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 24 February 2008 commencing at 10.15am. Tea & coffee will be available from 10am. We do ask members to attend the meeting as this is an opportunity for you to vote on your Club Executive for the coming year and to raise matters for discussion in general business.

All Executive committee positions become vacant and several existing members of the Executive will not be standing for re-election this year. Please give careful consideration as to whether you can devote some of your time to assisting on the Club's committee. A nomination form is provided at the end of this Newsletter and you are encouraged to nominate members for election. Committee positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer / Public Officer
- Chief Instructor
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- Equipment Officer
- New Member & Registration Officer
- All Instructors

Please see Diane or Roy at the Clubhouse, or any other Committee member in the coming weeks if you are interested in being involved on your Club's committee and would like more information.

All nomination forms must be submitted 7 days prior to the meeting.

On the weekend of Milton Show 29 February / 1 March there will be NO dog training on Sunday 2 March.

Newsletter enquiries to:

Janet ☺

4455 3137 **If you would like to receive your Newsletter electronically please send an email to:**
miltondogclub@bigpond.com



MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

Welcome to new members Malcolm and Holly; Trish and Chloe; Karen and Scout; Vicki and Jasmine; Diane and Cleo; Bill and Dusty; Sonya and Banjo; Michele and Tia; David and Jess; David, Christine and Bonnie; Louise and Darcy; Abby and Boofa; Aimee and Sam; Tegan and Dory; Nancye and Cindy; Matthew and Tyson; Melanie and Keale; Anne-Maree and Buddy

Graduations:

Beginners to Class 1

Paul and Jessie; Diane and Harley; Bronwyn and Molly; Mandy and Elliott; Mandy and Honey; Maria and Heidi; Louise and Toby; Belinda and Molly

Christmas Trivia Quiz

Here are the answers for those of you who have been waiting so patiently –

1. Dasher; Donder and Dancer 2. Six Geese a Laying 3. The magic hat 4. Italy 5. Charles Dickens 6. 4th Century

Men's Health

The Club has received a letter from Lodge Milton inviting members and their families to a Men's Health Seminar on Sunday 24 February at 2pm at the Milton Masonic Centre, 128 Princes Highway, Milton when local health professionals will talk on items of health related to men.. The seminar is open to all men and their partners and entry is free, afternoon tea will be served. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Neil Atkins on 4454 0356.

.....
Did you know?

Riva and Salty were two guide dogs who saved their owner's lives just before the World Trade Centre collapsed. Riva and Salty guided their blind owners, Mr Roselle and Mr. Hingson down the crowded, smoke filled stairs from the 71st floor and were later honoured for their bravery.

Greyfriars Bobby was a famous Skye Terrier immortalised in the Disney movie of the same name. In 1858 a man named John Gray (Old Jock) was buried in old Greyfriars Churchyard, in Edinburgh. This loyal dog slept on his master's grave for the next 14 years until his own death. Bobby is buried in Greyfriars churchyard alongside his master and a gravestone marks the grave.

Dog Training Quiz

Try the following quiz to evaluate your dog's level of obedience.

1. My dog walks: a) in heel position on a loose lead
b) in a relaxed position but not pulling
c) on a tight lead
d) pulls on the lead
e) resists the lead
2. My dog sits: a) automatically when I stop walking
b) on the first command
c) after several commands
d) when physically placed
e) refuses
3. My dog drops: a) on first command
b) after several commands
c) when physically placed
d) refuses
4. My dog stays: a) all the time
b) with help
c) hardly ever
5. My dog comes when it is called: a) from a stay position
b) when held
c) only without distractions
d) not at all

How you scored:

1. a;20 b;20
c;5 d;5 e;2
2. a;20 b;20
c;5 d;5 e;2
3. a;20 b;15
c;5 d;2
4. a;20 b;15
c;2
5. a;20 b;15
c;5 d;2

If you scored:

- 0-10 You are in desperate need of help.
11-40 Help with training is required.
41-75 Training would improve your dog.
76-99 Your dogs' level of training is quite acceptable
100 WELL DONE !! You have a super obedient dog.

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC - Please detach and place in box provided.

This is to nominate (name)for the position of

Nominated bySeconded by

I agree to stand for the position of

SignedDate:.....