



Hello members

September has certainly been an unpredictable month weather-wise and there was no better example than on our competition day Saturday 13 September when the temperature soared. The weather therefore brought its own challenges, but everyone kept going and enjoyed a great day of competition. There were magic moments – a dog that had never before dropped without the use of food, decided competition day would be the first time – much to the delight of the handler. Not so magic moments for handlers whose dogs didn't quite "get it right", but the spirit of the day continued with "smile and enjoy" being the catchcry.

Obviously days such as this don't just "happen". Grateful thanks go to our hard working sub-committee of Roy, Diane and Rosie who put together the program for this year's very successful competition day. To all our judges and stewards - congratulations on a great job. Sincere thanks to John and Rex who cooked up a great BBQ lunch and to everyone who brought along tasty treats for the handlers!

Thank you too goes to Peter, who put in a lot of behind the scenes work, to make sure both the competition day, and the Award Presentation on 28 September was so well organised.



The biggest thank you of course must go to all our competitors and their dogs for taking part in the day's events and having such a good time.

On 28 September Robin Brookes and Tony Mann joined us to present the Lynne Brookes and Marion Mann Trophies. Grateful thanks go to Cathie Sommerville who attended to present prizes from our sponsors Budget Produce and thanks also go to Rosie who provided special prizes. Results:

**Lynne Brookes Trophy**

- 1st Place Rosie Milton and Pac
- 2nd Place Danielle and Cruiser
- 3rd Place Diane and Lady

**Marion Mann Trophy**

- 1st Place Rosie Milton and Toshi
- 2nd Place Jenny and Chilli
- 3rd Place Sarah and Sam

**Novice**

- 1st Place Rosie Milton and Savvy
- 2nd Place Rosie Milton and Izabella
- 3rd Place Ruth and Diesel

**Section Winners**

- Novice Obedience - Rosie and Savvy 46/50
- Novice Agility - Cheryl and Oscar 45/50
- Novice Dumbbell - Tracey and Koda 25/25; Rosie and Izabella 25/25
- Novice Stays, Recalls and Flag - Russell and Ebony 71/75

Looking back over the history of our Club Competition, which commenced in 2002, it is certainly a credit to our Club that members are given the opportunity to participate in a large number of events. Over the years competitors have taken part in: obedience; agility; freestyle heeling; scent retrieval; gundog work; tracking; dumbbell retrieve; stay; stand for examination; flag races; jumping and recall. This year's innovation was the inclusion of the Novice Competition which was a great success and certainly looks here to stay.

**Holiday Break**

Believe it or not, Christmas is only around the corner and the Club only has two more New Member intake days for dogs over 4 months of age – the first Sunday in October and November. A date for your diary is Sunday 7 December, which will be the last training session for the year followed by our Christmas Party and Award presentations. Awards are given for the most improved handler in each Class; Most Improved in Agility and Flyball/Zipball, and perpetual trophies – Peter Smith & Jimmy Award for most Persistent Handler and Anne Cook Award for Most Improved Handler overall. More information about the day will be provided soon.

**Construction of Awning**

After some considerable time waiting for the various approvals, the Club can now commence work on construction of an awning on the Clubhouse for agility equipment storage. Our expert builder Roy will be organising this project.

**Equipment Available**

The Club has a new brand of belt bags to carry dog treats, poo bags etc., for sale at a cost of \$20. We also have Clicker wrist bands available for purchase. Don't forget the club also sells collars, leads, dog treats, clickers, flags and tuggers – available to purchase at the Clubhouse before or after training.

Remember please don't hesitate to discuss any aspects of our Club with any Committee member, or your Instructor. The Committee meets every 2nd month and our next meeting is on the first Sunday in November. If you have any matters you would like to raise, then please let us know.

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## MEMBERS CORNER

### New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members, who joined during August and on the first Sunday in September. As new members please forward your email address to [newsletter@mudtc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@mudtc.org.au) if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

### Graduations

Congratulations to all those handlers and their dogs, who have graduated to the next class, and were announced at training on the first Sunday in September. Please remember to collect your Certificate from the Clubhouse, and also ask for the coloured star for your new class, to go on your name badge.

### From our Members:

#### Congratulations:



To instructor Robyn Carstens and Stuart who have recently become engaged.

Our very best wishes go to Robyn and Stuart for their future happiness.

### News from Ruth

As announced at training on Sunday Ruth successfully competed in her first Jumping Competition on Saturday 27 September at the Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club. Ruth didn't get back home till 2.30am but was still at training bright and early on Sunday morning—congratulations to Ruth and Diesel.

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*This advertisement recently appeared in the Personal columns:*

"Single black female seeks male companionship, ethnic background not important. I am a very good girl who loves to play. I like long walks, I love riding in your ute, coming on fishing trips and camping, winter nights in front of a cosy fire.

Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. When you come home from work I will greet you wearing only what nature provided. Call... and ask for Daisy.

Several hundred men answered the ad. And were embarrassed to find they were talking to the RSPCA - You see, Daisy is a black Labrador."

### Puppy Love

*Continued extracts from an article in the August Dogs NSW Magazine*

#### Keeping Mum

There are some old stand by ideas about how to settle a new puppy into bed: a ticking alarm clock under the blanket to mimic mum's heartbeat, a soft cuddly toy or a hot water bottle. All of these are worth a try – some will work for some pups, but not for others. If you use a hot water bottle, make sure the water is not hot enough to burn your puppy if it chews the bottle.

### Toilet Training

Even if your pup is fast asleep on your lounge room floor after an exciting first day, it should be taken out for a toilet trip and then be put into bed when the family goes to bed and the house becomes quiet. Don't confine your pup away when the family is still up, awake and noisy or the pup will naturally want to be with them.

When your 8 week old pup wakes you during the night whining or barking, first consider that tiny bladder. Although you might prefer to sleep through the night, your pup needs to go out two or three times otherwise you will have a mess to clean up. This is especially important in smaller breeds and dogs confined to crates at night as you do not want to encourage the dog to toilet in its bed. (Unless the weather is terribly hot it is not necessary to leave water in the small sleeping area overnight or young pups will tip it over and play in it.)

When you get up to your puppy at night, be calm, quiet and ignore attempts by the pup to engage you in play – it will be very excited to see you. Take it outside on-leash so the puppy cannot run off to play. When you get to the designated grassy area, stand still – be boring – and let the puppy sniff around. It will go to the toilet if it needs to, you can start to use a command-word if you like. Give it a few minutes if there is no activity, then perhaps it was only lonely and you can return it to bed, after a very quick stop by the water bowl.

The more opportunities a pup has to toilet on the grass, the better it will pick up the idea. The older it becomes, the larger the bladder grows, the better the bladder control gets, the fewer toilet trips the pup will require during the night.

*More from this interesting article will be included in next month's Newsletter.*

Thank you to Margaret and Ron for their contributions to this month's Members Corner.

### Reminders

- Please **drive slowly** around the showground, remember some dogs are off leash having a run before training starts.
- Please **don't** bring your dog with you up the ramp when you pay your fees.
- Ask about our pay in advance system – it avoids queuing at the counter.
- Try to spend at least 5 minutes every day working through your training exercises with your dog.

*Suburbia: Where they tear out all the trees and name the streets after them!*

