



Welcome again to this month's Newsletter. As announced by Peter at training last week, the Club's AGM has been postponed to **Sunday 26 April 2009**. Unfortunately rain meant that training, and subsequently the AGM had to be cancelled on 1 March. Please give careful consideration as to whether you can devote some of your time to assisting on the Club's committee. Nomination forms are available at the Clubhouse. Committee positions are as follows:

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

Please talk to any existing Committee members if you would like more information.

Instructors and Committee members met for a workshop session in February to discuss possible new formats for training classes during the coming year. The outcomes of the workshop will be presented at the AGM, so do come along to hear about the exciting new concepts for 2009.

Milton Show

Once again the show was a fantastic opportunity for our Club to showcase its many talents. On Friday our Demonstration team performed before an appreciative crowd. Peter explained to the audience the basics of training a dog, including interaction with the children who were watching the demonstration. These presentations are very important for the positive promotion of our Club and thanks go to everyone who took part in the actual demonstration and also with the setting up of the equipment and sound system.

On Saturday, Chief Instructor Dianne had wonderful help from Roy Cullen & Katlyn & Danielle Moore in the running of the Championship Dog Show. Club members who did well at the show included:

Ruth Hall, and Rokkipark Bundy Rum (Diesel) won Best Open Neuter in Breed and Her Border Collie Chrashtay Shani Kiss (Shani) got a 2nd in Minor Puppy Class.

Kim Porter received a 2nd in Australian Bred Dog. with Nz.Ch. Tambovale Turn Back Time.(Paddy)



Best in show went to an outstanding Alaskan Malamute, Aust. Grand. Ch. Koolrunnings Ice Age and runner up went to A Gorden Setter Aust. Grand. Ch. Lochtay Dark N Stormy.



Photo shows Fiona Smith presenting the Milton Show Best of Breed Labrador with the Peter Smith Memorial Trophy.

Also on Saturday our Club ran very successful Agility and Jumping Competitions in the Club's Agility enclosure next to the Clubhouse. A record number of entries from as far a field as Wollongong and Dapto entered the competitions, which were generously sponsored by **Hills Science Diet**, a premier specialist Dog Food manufacturer. As well as the winners receiving generous supplies of Hills Science Diet for their dogs, all competitors received beautiful sashes from the Milton Show Society, as did the winners of each category, with First Prize winner also receiving a commemorative Milton Show mug and a cash prize.

Spectators were treated to a wonderful variety of dogs taking part, from cheeky Jack Russel terriers, elegant Shetland Sheepdogs and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, the blazingly fast Border Collies and Staffordshire Bull Terriers and the Australian Kelpie and Cattle Dogs.

It was a 'Fun' event and although run to Australian competition standards and scored accordingly was not sanctioned by the Australian Dog Council. Handlers skills ranged from not very skilled - which provided many laughs for spectators as dogs and handlers got themselves in all sorts of tangles through the course - to very highly skilled, which drew wonderful applause as dog and handler flowed in complete harmony through the obstacles. It was enjoyed by young and old alike.

Results in the morning's Agility Course Competition were:

Novice Small Breeds:

First: Sarah Ball and "Sam", a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Cross. Second: Ruth Hall and "Rokkipark Bundy Rum", a Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Third: Rosie Milton and "Ohuta Bella Rosa Queen", a Border Collie.

Novice Larger Breeds:

First: Liz Karacsonji and "Rosie", a Border Collie. Second: Rick Venning and "Kelly", an Australian Kelpie. Third: Kim Porter and "Arktulu Me N Bobby McGee", a Border Collie.

Open Small Breeds:

First: Mrs T Mitchell and "Glen Kentray Social Climber", a Shetland Sheepdog. No other small breeds completed the course successfully.

Open Larger Breeds:

First: Judy Roger and "Gadhar Boot Scooter", a Border Collie. Second: Mrs J Koppman and "Wingdari Shearer's G'Day", an Australian Kelpie. No other dog completed the course successfully.

Results in the afternoon's Jumping Course Competition were:

Novice Small Breeds:

First: Ruth Hall and "Rokkipark Bundy Rum", a Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Second: Louise Dalton and "Toby", a Jack Russell Terrier Third: Jenny Moore and "Jorshell The Quikaning", a Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Novice Larger Breeds:

First: Liz Karacsonji and "Rosie", a Border Collie. Second: Rosie Milton and "Fidelis Pacalbell" a Border Collie. Third: George Kolek and "Lucky", an Australian Cattle Dog.

Open Small Breeds:

First: Mr and Mrs Mitchell and "Dancerwood Saxon Knight", a Shetland Sheepdog. Second: Mr And Mrs Mitchell and "Glen Kentray Social Climber", a Shetland Sheepdog. Third: Mr and Mrs Mitchell and "Robness Shadow O Th Glen", a Shetland Sheepdog.

Open Larger Breeds:

First: Kim Porter and "Kieshindi Aurora", a Border Collie Second: Mrs J Koppman and "Wingdari Shearer's G'Day", an Australian Kelpie. Third: Judy Roger and "Gadhar Boot Scooter", a Border Collie.

(In the Open Larger Breeds division, the three winning dogs all made perfect rounds and were separated at the end by less than three seconds - a terrific performance!)

The Club would like to thank all participants in these competitions who made it such an enjoyable spectacle: The Milton Show Society for including the events as part of the show's schedule: Peter Hudson and Rosie Milton for judging the events so efficiently: for Liz Karacsonyi, Jenny Patch, Rick Venning, Bob Puttock, Ken Terry and Diane Richmond for assisting in various capacities towards the smooth operation of both events: and to Hills Science Diet for their very generous sponsorship of the events. It is hoped that this will become an annual feature of future Milton Shows.

Photo album of the Agility and Jumping Winners



MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members, who joined this month. As new members please forward your email address to newsletter@mudtc.org.au if you would like to receive your newsletter notification electronically. Also current members, please email if you wish to be included on the electronic listing. Don't forget to visit our web site at www.mudtc.org.au it is full of great information about our Club. You can also join our web Forum, please see Caraline or Ken at training for details.

Talented Members

Sincere congratulation to members Sarah Ball and Roy Cullen who won very different prizes at the recent Milton Show. Sarah won two 1st prizes for her wonderful drawings, shown here.



"The first picture is of my Haunted House. I entered the Senior, Open, black and white drawing section with this one and won 1st prize."



"The 2nd picture is of an apple in hands. I entered it into the junior, black and white sketch section and won 1st prize."

Roy was successful in a completely different event – the Home Brewing Competition. A few of us can testify as to the excellent taste and quality of Roy's Home Brew, which obviously also impressed the judges. Congratulations to Sarah and Roy.

Best Wishes

To Margaret Rudd who will be having a hip operation this week. Margaret will be out of action for a while and we will all miss her while she is away. Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Shave for A Cure

By now member Louise Hamilton will have taken part in the Shave for A Cure event, I am sure she would still be pleased to accept any donations from Club members.

Thank You

Roy, George and Ken for completing the final paint job on the Clubhouse, what a great job. Thanks also to Rick and Dianne for providing articles for this Newsletter.

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"Success is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."
-Jim Rohn