

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Hello Members

We have seven more training days in 2009 before we close for our Christmas / New Year break. December 6 is the date for our Christmas party and last training day of the year. Training commences again on Sunday 7 February 2010.

What's Been Happening

Elvie Meade returned on 11 October for another session with members and their dogs on heelwork to music. Several members took part and enjoyed trying to keep in time to the music whilst instructing their dog in the various moves. Our Club is planning to have a heelwork to music formation team to perform at events such as the Milton Show or Australia Day. More information to come in next Newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

Agility Demonstration – on 12 November our Agility Demonstration Team will showcase our Club with a performance for residents of the Crystal Waters Retirement Village in the Agility Ring at Milton Showground. Team

members are Liz with Rose, George with Lucky, Jenny with Billy, Rick with Kelly, Rosemary with Flynn and Tracy with Koda.

Margaret Rudd Club Agility Competition

At 7.30am on Sunday 15 November competitors will take part in the final event of this year's Margaret Rudd Club Agility Competition. The course will be set by Peter and best wishes are sent to all entrants – enjoy and have fun!

Talk by Natalie Moore

Natalie recently attended the Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference in Sydney. Natalie will give a talk on information she gained from the Conference and all members are invited to attend. The talk will be at 10.15am on Sunday 15 November. Please bring your own chair, tea and coffee will be provided. If you are going to stay for the talk please let Henry, Cheryl or Margaret know when you pay your training fees the week before (8 November) – thanks.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party this year will be held on Sunday 6 December and promises to be another fun morning for handlers and their dogs. Here is the program -



- * 8.30am Sausage Sizzle
- * 9.15am Club Award Presentations
- * 10am Training sessions including fun games

- * 10.40am Fancy dress competition – as this year is our 30th birthday the theme is – from 30 years ago.
- * 11.15am Close

All current members and their immediate family are invited to attend. As it is important to have numbers for catering please give your name to Henry or Cheryl by 29 November if you will be coming to the party. Helpers are always needed with the BBQ and general set up for the day so please let Henry or Cheryl know if you can assist in any way.

Guessing Competition

To help with costs for our party the Club will run a guessing competition this year. Tickets are \$1 each and booklets of 10 tickets will be available to collect from either Margaret or Sarah on Sunday mornings. Please join in and take at least one booklet to sell to family and friends. Monies and ticket butts must be returned to Margaret or Sarah by 29 November. Draw will be at our Christmas Party.

Prizes:

- * \$50 voucher IGA Milton
- * \$30 voucher Critters Dog Wash
- * Hamper of Sparkling Wine, Wine glasses and chocolates

Did you Know This?

An amendment to the NSW Road Rules now includes the following -

Driver to have proper control of a vehicle

A driver must not drive with a person or animal in the driver's lap. The rider of a motorbike must not ride with an animal on the fuel tank. This does not apply to a person who travels less than 500 metres for the purposes of farming.

PENALTY: Three demerit points (four in a school zone) and a \$324 fine (\$405 in a school zone).

If you wish to view the full details of the Road Rule amendments you can go to the RTA site at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadrules

You can also go to our web site forum and add your comments to Roy's post on this item. If you are already registered to use our Forum why not set up your options so that you receive an email when a new post is added? To do this click on a Section, for example 'Main Arena' and scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will see in small print 'Subscribe Forum'. Click on that to turn it on. It will show a ✓ when you first view it, it will change to a × when you click on Subscribe Forum, which means you are now registered to receive an email message when another member posts an item. You must repeat this for each Section – 'Hair of the Dog' etc. These steps are described in the Feedback and Help Section in the Forum <http://www.mudtc.org.au/forum/>

MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

A very warm welcome to our 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 website at www.mudtc.org.au it is full of great information about our Club. You can also join our web Forum, please see Caraline our Web Administrator or Ken, our sound tech, at training for details.



Congratulations to all those members who graduated this month with their dogs and received their certificates at Sunday training.

Flyball – Mudd on the Paws

The Milton Dog club's flyball group has progressed to having a team competing in Australian competitions. The team is called 'Mudd on the Paws' and its current members are:

Kylie White with a staffy x called Jackie, Rosie Milton with Border Collies Pac and Wizz, Diane Richmond with Kelpie called Lady, Jenny Patch with Australian Cattle dog called Billy (pictured). Diane and Jenny are new handlers and have done extremely well. All members have gained titles with the Australian Flyball Association and are looking forward to future competitions to increase their points, improve their times and most of all to have FUN. The team is also looking for new members to learn flyball and maybe set up a second team. We have competed in Dapto and recently in the Nationals in Sydney and there are two more competitions in Canberra in the next month. There are a number of dogs showing promise and nearly ready to race.



Flyball is a great sport for both you and your dogs - it entails retrieving balls, running, jumping and having great games with you as a reward. Most dogs after learning flyball just Love competing and having the most fun. It also keeps you and your dog to a level of fitness. Motivation and focus are the main behaviours to learn and then the rest comes easy. The club offers flyball on Sunday mornings with a beginner's lesson at 8.15 am and advanced after 10 am. If you would like to be a part of this sport, please speak to any of the team members.

Competition Results

Over the past few weeks several members have had a great time competing with their dogs. Our article in this week's Ulladulla Times provides detailed information, which has also been posted on our web site for members to view. Congratulations on your excellent

results go to Club members Ruth and Diesel, Rosie with Wizz and Pac, Kim with Bella, Zippa and Brock, *special mention for Brock who came 1st in Starter Jumping and won the Maxi 24 Weaver Poles Challenge*, Diane with Lady and Jenny with Billy – well done to everyone.

This coming weekend Rosie Milton and Pac will compete in a Flyball team at the World Dog Games and Member Kim with Brock will be part of a demonstration team for Dock Diving, so our Club is represented at the World Events! See www.worlddoggames.com

Farewell

Sadly our Club will lose Instructor Robyn Carstens at the end of this year. Robyn came to the Club in 2002, when she joined with then 3 year old Bernie. Robyn has been a dedicated member in both training Bernie, who is a past winner of the Marion Mann Championship, and in helping other handlers with their dogs as both a Beginners and Class 1 instructor. All members wish Robyn and Stuart much happiness for their future marriage. We will all miss you and thank you most sincerely for everything you have done for the Club.



Birthdays

Kelly's 8th Birthday Party



OK – How Long Do We have to Wait for our Cake?



Hey Kelly – don't forget about us we have been so good!

More Birthdays



Not sure about the hats Mum!
Flynn 3years and Lady 5years

Thank you this month to members Roy, Rosie, Diane and Rick for providing articles and photos for our Newsletter.

Welcome Back

It was wonderful to see John Milton again last Sunday, having returned home for the weekend for the first time since his accident. Best wishes from all of us John, look forward to seeing you again in a few weeks time.