

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Welcome Back Members

Happy New Year and welcome back to training to all our members and welcome to our new members who joined us on 7 February. Due to heavy rain on 14th it was necessary to cancel training. An announcement was put over 2ST and an email sent to members on our email listing, so hopefully everyone knew about the cancellation. We certainly need the rain, but hopefully it goes away for a few hours every Sunday morning for the next few weeks!

Australia Day



The Club's formation team and flyball team showcased many talents brilliantly at the Australia Day celebrations at Mollmook Beach Reserve. Our new formation team practiced hard during December / January and performed a clever routine to the music of *That's Entertainment*, and entertainment it certainly was. The large crowd was very appreciative and the team members of Rosemary and Flynn; Nerida and Trin; Diane and Lady; Tracy and Koda; Natalie and Chelsy; Jenny and Billy and Rosie and Pac are to be congratulated for a great performance.

The event continued at lightening speed with demonstrations of weaving and flyball. Pac flew through the weaving poles to gasps from the crowd and then other members demonstrated with their dogs, showing the audience how the exercise is taught, and how a dog's speed gradually increases.

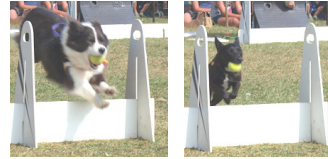


The crowd was then amazed by the speed and accuracy of the flyball teams. Mud on the Paws member Kylie and her son Patrick and daughter Breanna joined the group with dogs Jackie and Skye. Rosie added Wizz and this provided two teams of dogs: Jackie, Skye and

Pac and Billy, Lady and Wizz. The dogs ran a series of races with the crowd really joining in the fun, cheering for one of the teams. They not only enjoyed watching the races, but also watching tiny Koda go through his paces as a dog learning how to do flyball.

The event wound up with beautiful blue Cattle Dog Skye (now 10 years) waving farewell to the crowd.

Thank you so much to all members of the teams who gave up their time both in practice and on the day – it was great and the audience loved it.



(Australia Day Photos courtesy Tony Rolfe)

Farewells

Peter Hudson and Rick Venning will be leaving the Club as Instructors this year. Rick will continue to be involved with the Agility demonstration team and Peter will still be involved as a judge for the Agility/Jumping competition at Milton Show. Peter and Rick will both be greatly missed by our Club and we all thank them very much for their dedication and support of Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club over many years.

What's Happening Soon?

AGM - The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 28 February after training. All committee positions will be declared vacant.

Executive Committee members, Peter Hudson (President) Henry Muisidlak (Treasurer) and Jenny Puglisi (Secretary) will not be standing for re-election this year. All members are invited to consider standing for election to the Club's Committee and nomination forms are available at the Clubhouse. Members must be nominated and seconded by current Club members and sign that they are willing to stand for the position. The Club's Committee comprises the following members:

President	Peter Hudson
Vice-President	Rosie Milton
Secretary	Jenny Puglisi
Assistant Secretary	Janet Smith
Treasurer/Public Officer	Henry Muisidlak
Chief Instructor	Diane Richmond
Assistant Chief Instructor	Jenny Patch
Equipment Officers	Jenny Patch and Liz Karasconyi
New Members Register Officers	Sarah Ball and Margaret Rudd
Publicity Officer -	Margaret Rudd
Web Site Administrator	Caraline McLeod

Please talk to a current committee member if you would like more details.

Milton Show 5th and 6th March

Our Club will present a formation demonstration on the Friday prior to the Pet Show held at 2pm in the old dog ring on the eastern side of the Showground.

Fun Jumping and Agility Competition.

Our Club has again organised a fun agility and jumping competition to be held on Saturday in the Agility arena at the rear of the Showground. Judges will be Peter and Rosie. Entry forms are available from Diane.

Reminder - No Training Sunday 7 March

MEMBERS CORNER

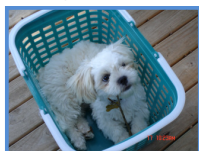
New Members

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.

Flyball Team

Congratulations to the MUD ON THE PAWS Flyball Team who competed at Canberra at the end of last year. The Tuggerong Torpedoes held the competition and the local team was elevated to 1st Division because of their times and were successful in gaining second place. Their time being 20.209. Team members were Rosie Milton and Wizz, Kylie White and Jackie, Diane Richmond and Lady, Patrick White and Rosie's dog Pac and Jenny Patch and Billy.

A Dog in a Basket



Thank you to member Mary who sent me this lovely picture of her dog Menz in his favourite basket – I had to have a second look to make sure Menz hadn't emptied out my own identical dog club basket to make himself comfortable!

Christmas Party



Life Membership presentation to Fiona

On the first Sunday in December all members enjoyed another happy Christmas get together at the showground. The barbeque was wonderfully organised by Henry and Simon and tasty sausage sandwiches were supplied for breakfast. Life membership of the Club was awarded to Fiona Smith, daughter of the Club's Late Patron

Peter Smith (see photo courtesy Margaret Rudd). Fiona is now handler of Peter's dog Jimmy, our Club Patron. Jimmy presented each Instructor with a thank you gift, which was much appreciated.

The Club's Agility Demonstration Team gave a most impressive display and members enjoyed fun dog games with prizes presented to the winners - being Jane and Rosa, Sylvia and Bear, Jenny and Monty, Mary and Menz.

There were some great Fancy Dress outfits and the winner was Mark Wilden and his dog Rex, second place went to Bronwen and Di Spalding with their dogs Dotti, Lucy and Bella and 3rd place winner was Nerida Robinson and her dog Trin.

Thank you to all members who sold tickets in our guessing competition, which raised over \$200.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of such a successful party.

Congratulations to the following members who received Club Awards at our end of year party:

Most Improved Quick Start – 2009

Bronwen Spalding and Dotty

Encouragement Award: Russell Maunder and Jess

Most Improved Basic Class – 2009

Sylvia Witham and Bear

Encouragement Award: Danielle Butson and Tia

Most Improved Intermediate Class – 2009

Ruth Hall and Shandi

Encouragement Award: Robyn Wallace and Ginger;

Louise Hamilton and Darcy; Mark Wilden and Rex

Most Improved Advanced Class – 2009

Ros Kidd and Molly

Encouragement Award: Rosemary Rixon and Flynn

Agility – 2009

George Kolek and Lucky

Encouragement Award: Jocelyn Jones and Indi; Louise

Dalton and Toby; Tracey Collins and Koda

Most Improved Fyball/Zipball

Rosie Milton and Wizz

Encouragement Award; Jenny Patch and Billy

Perpetual Trophies

Peter Smith and Jimmy Award for Most Persistent Handler

- Natasha Backhouse and Buster
- Runners Up: Sylvia Males and Tess; Cynthia Larson and Micky/Bertie; Kim Urquhart and Tyson

Anne Cook Award for Most Improved Handler Overall

- Tracey Collins and Koda
- Runners Up: Rosemary and Flynn; Scott Backhouse and Betty

Lyn Brooks Award Champion Companion Dog

Liz and Rosy

Marion Mann Trophy Champion Companion Dog

Rosie and Toshi

President's Trophy - Club Novice

Sylvia and Bear

Margaret Rudd Trophy for Club Agility

Rick and Kelly

Retired from Competition

It is with regret we hear that member Ruth Hall has decided to retire her dog Diesel, who had gained his Agility Dog & Jumping Dog Titles, but could not continue because of injury.

Ticks

Please remember to keep checking your dog for ticks, especially since the recent very wet weather.