

# MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SATURDAY

#### AUGUST 21

The Club Championships are set down for Saturday August 21

All members are invited to participate as it is a great learning time for dog owners who are at various stages of achievement.

The President's Competition is for those who are still learning and the Lynne Brookes Trophy for dogs over 350mm and the Marion Mann Trophy for dogs under 350mm.

Commencing at 8.30am lunch will be held at 12.30pm and before lunch competition for Obedience, Stand for Examination, Recall, Dumb-bell and Dummy retrieve.

After lunch Jumping will be held in the Club Agility ring.

Everyone is invited to come along and watch the action as it is always good fun and you can learn from watching.

#### SECOND ROUND MARGARET RUDD AGILITY COMPETITION

A keen number of members lined up in icy conditions on Sunday August 8 for the second round of the Margaret Rudd Agility Competition.

Place-getters were Jenny Patch and Billy 1<sup>st</sup>.

George Kolek and Lucky, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Diane Richmond and Lady in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Thank you to Club Life Member Peter Hudson who was Judge on the day and to Cheryl Ball who took on the job as recorder.

The course had been designed by Rosie Milton, Jenny Patch and Diane Richmond and proved to be a really good course to contest.

The Third Round of this Competition will be held on September 12.

#### DOG SLEDDING DEMONSTRATION

Sunday August 8 was a very entertaining day with the Dog Sledding Demonstration by Pam and Dion Leete with their three gorgeous Siberian Huskies, Bulla, Saba and Roscha. These dogs race in competition in the Southern Highlands in the cooler months of the year.

The dogs did a couple of circuits of Milton Showground in front of a large audience of dog club members and members of the public. Following the demonstration Pam gave a very comprehensive talk on what is entailed in training these dogs in the art of dog sledding. Pam emphasising that it is addictive and great fun not only for the dogs but the owners.

The Club would like to express their sincere appreciation for Pam and Dion giving their time to the club.

There are a few members really keen to take on this sport.



Photo:Pam Leete and her Siberian Husky Saba at a sledding race in the Hunter Valley.

#### DOG CLUB CALENDAR

There will be no dog training classes on Sunday 26 September as there is a Stock Horse Event being held at Milton Showground.

29-31 October the Association of Pet Dog Trainers Australia Annual Conference will be held at Bankstown Sports Club Sydney. Club from all state of Australia and overseas.

#### ANNUAL SUBS OVERDUE

A reminder to all members that Annual Subs for 2010 were due in February so it would be appreciated if payment could be paid as soon as possible.

Don't forget that the Club has a pre-pay system for those who would like to pay fees in advance and save time to queue up at the Clubhouse. There is a table set up next to the Agility Ring for New Members and Pre-Paid Members. Annual Subs must be paid at the Club house. Please do not take your dog up the Clubhouse when paying fees, leave your dog in the car or tied to the Agility Ring Fence.

#### TICK WARNING

Dog Owners are warned that ticks are about early and to check your dog regularly.

There are a number of preventatives available and it is advisable that you make sure your dog is protected.

## **GRADUATIONS**

Congratulations to all members who have graduated and were presented with their certificates. Well done. Graduations from Quick Start to Basic Class being as follows:

Hugh and Charlie, Lisa and Ziggy, Sue and Inky, Debbie and Missy, Mike and Suzie, Debbie and Rosie, Ben and Kaizer, Matthew and Roxy.

From Intermediate Class to Advanced Michael and Rex, Danielle and Tia and Sue and Sassy.

## **WINTER JACKETS**

Anyone wishing to order Club Winter Jackets please leave their name with Margaret at the New Members Table.

## **OUR WONDERFUL INSTRUCTORS**

Members can never speak highly enough about our wonderful volunteer dog obedience instructors who do such a wonderful job., Natalie Moore is a typical example turning up last Sunday on crutches to take her class assisted by Sarah Ball. Fantastic Natalie and hope to see you running around soon.

Assistant Secretary Janet Smith is due back to take Quick Start Class, which Chief Instructor Diane has been taking for the past couple of months. Thank you to Liz Karasconyi who has returned to help out by taking Diane's Advanced Class.

## **DOG TRAINING CANCELLED THROUGH WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

The cancellation of dog training because of weather conditions is often difficult. Mainly because it can be raining say at Ulladulla and not at Milton. Every effort is made to make a decision in time to notify members either by email or by Radio 2St, which has to be before 7am.

## **MEMBERS' SUCCESS**

Congratulations to members who took part in Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Obedience Trial held at Nowra Showground on July 31.

Sylvia Wilton and her blue cattle dog Bear came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Novice Obedience and Diane Richmond and her kelpie Lady came 3<sup>rd</sup>, which was a great result for two members of the Club. At the Agility Competition held by Dapto Dog Training Club at Kanahooka Diane Richmond and Lady gained 1<sup>st</sup> in Elementary Jumping with a qualifying score and 1<sup>st</sup> in Starters Jumping and a qualifying score, while Diane's older dog Teddy got a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Jumping.

Ruth Halls and Paddy got a 1<sup>st</sup> in Agility and a qualifying score and Ruth and Shandi gained a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Agility.

On Saturday August 7 the Club's Mudd on the Paws team took part in the Sutherland Dog Training Club's Southerly Muster. Rosie Milton's team of Rosie and Wizz, Patrick White and Rosie's dog Pac, Trent Shepherd and Possum, Michael Henry and Sophie, Kylie White and Jackie came 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 1, which was a great result against the top teams.

The Club's other team came 2<sup>nd</sup> with members being Diane Richmond and Lady, Louise Hamilton and Darcy,

Patrick White and Skye, Rosie Milton and Savvy, Carolyn Henry and Lucy

Rosie did a wonderful job as she was Judging as well as competing in both divisions;

## **DOG OWNERS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT LETTERS OR PETITIONS**

Dog Owners are urged to submit letters or petitions to Shoalhaven City Council in relation to the Draft Dog Policy. Council is seeking feedback from members of the public in this regard and dog owners need to show they are in favour of the draft dog policy which is proposed to allow dogs on leash on all council managed beaches. It has been stated that the dog access policy should be simplified to relieve public confusion and to create a balance for dog lovers and those who don't want dogs on beaches. It is now proposed that dogs will be permitted on all beaches with nominated off leash areas.

There are areas where dogs will not be permitted, including near playgrounds, schools and food preparation areas, as well as shorebird nesting sites and flagged swimming areas. Dogs will also be allowed on any council reserves or public places providing they are kept on a leash.

Twenty-four hour off leash areas will include Washerwomans Beach at Bendalong, Cormorant Beach at Bawley Point and Milton Showground.

The current proposal will be on display on council's website and at council's offices in Nowra and Ulladulla.

For further information regarding Dog Training ring Diane on 44540171 before 4pm of a day.