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# MUDTC Newsletter



*This Newsletter is produced to provide information about Club events and member happenings. If you have any interesting stories or photos please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.*

Regards  
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## STOP PRESS

*Sundays 9 & 23 October we share the Showground with Horse Events*



Please remember **NOT** to park north of the Dog Agility Area on horse days

## President's Message

Well, I'm not sure about the rest of the club, but my month has been action packed!

Firstly, congratulations to those who took part in the Margaret Rudd Agility competition on the first Sunday in September. For an easy course, many of the dogs (or perhaps owners!) struggled with only a few dogs making a clear round. For those who haven't yet given the agility contest a go, I recommend you turn up for our final one on 13 November. It's open to all, and it's loads of fun!

Hot on its heels a week later, around 28 dogs and their handlers took part in the Club competition. I was really pleased with the number of beginners who gave the competition a go, and also our more experienced members who tackled the more difficult Open Course. There were some wonderful performances, and a few who were unlucky not to have done better. A big thank you too to our judges and volunteers on the day, and well done to not only the place getters, but to all those who gave it a go.

August saw me absent (and many thanks to Natasha and Tracey for taking my class) but no less busy. I found myself with a dose of Kennel

Cough (whooping cough actually, but I'm sure it must be the human version of Kennel Cough!!!) battling the altitude of Peru as I hiked the Inca trail, mountain biked the roadways and tracks near Sacred Valley and Puno, and sea kayaked on a lake so large it felt like the open ocean.

The scenery was incredible – ranging from the barren clay landscapes of cities such as Cuzco, to the snow-capped peaks of the Inca trail and the lush vegetation of the Amazon rainforest. The Inca ruins were awe-inspiring and everything everyone has ever said about them. I thoroughly enjoyed the people and customs, even dressing in national costume to dance the night away!

The only sadness was the street dogs evident throughout Peru. While many may be loved pets, most spent their days wandering the street, dodging cars and the kicks of adults and children alike, scrounging for food, getting into fights over the best resources, and multiple random matings on every street corner. There are many charity groups who have done work in the area to tackle the every growing issue, but outside the very centre of the cities, the dogs are everywhere. I often found myself wishing I could

provide them with a bath, a good feed, a kind word, and a trip to the vet for desexing. I got home to my own dogs and felt blessed.

Just 72 hours later I found myself lining up with 550 teams in the Oxfam challenge, a 100 km trek from Hawkesbury River to Mosman in Sydney. As a team of 4, we tackled hills, valleys, creek crossings and rock hops, walking 45 hours straight with almost no sleep. The walk is a major fundraiser to raise money for the fight against poverty, and has become so popular a ballot is needed for entry. Many thanks to all those who were kind enough to sponsor my team and I – we couldn't have done it without you. As difficult as the walk was, I enjoyed the challenge, especially coming so soon after Peru.

Now that September is drawing to a close, my aching body is looking forward to the APDT dog conference in Sydney (see details below). Previous conferences have been a successful culmination of fun and learning, with local and overseas experts speaking on a number of training techniques. It's

not too late to join me, and I look forward to bringing back the latest training tricks and knowledge. Until next time...Happy training!

Regards, *President*  
Natalie



A dog shelter in Peru  
[\(http://www.globalgiving.org/photo/PIC19898/lunchtime-perros-project-director-matt-webber-assisting/\)](http://www.globalgiving.org/photo/PIC19898/lunchtime-perros-project-director-matt-webber-assisting/)

## MUDTC Contagious Diseases Policy

Following the recent Kennel Cough outbreak a Club Policy has been adopted to cover any repeat of such an event. The Policy is available to view on our Club's website

<http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Contagious%20Disease%20Policy.pdf>

If you cannot access the Club website and wish to view a copy of the Policy please ask a Committee member, or your Instructor, to arrange for a hard copy to be made available to you. The purpose of the Policy is to provide guidelines for members whose dogs have contracted a contagious disease or whose dogs have been in contact with an infected dog.

The Policy relies on members to take due precautions for the health of their dogs and to be honest with reporting and quarantining.

Members must take appropriate health care measures for their own dogs (as advised by their own vet) and report any instances of suspected or confirmed contagious disease in their own dogs. Members should promptly advise incidents of contagious disease.

The committee must be advised as soon as possible, and certainly within 24 hours, from the onset of clinical signs of any contagious disease. You can contact committee members by email to [info@mudtc.org.au](mailto:info@mudtc.org.au) or by ringing 4454 0171 or 4455 3137.

## Conference information

**APDT Conference, Sydney**  
**28–30 October, 2011**  
BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB  
8 GREENFIELD PARADE, BANKSTOWN, SYDNEY

For the information of all members The Association of Pet Dog Trainers has forwarded details to our Club regarding its upcoming Conference. Further information can be found at [www.apdt.com.au](http://www.apdt.com.au) President Natalie Moore will be attending this Conference.

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*Please drive slowly around the Showground – Dogs may run across the roadway*

## Member's Corner



Please remember to wear your name badge to training class

A very warm welcome to new members in September; Rhiannon and Ava; Pete and Dexter; Barbara and Lady; Ashleigh and Duke and Josh and BJ.

Congratulations to Cheryl Ball and Oscar who recently graduated to Advanced class – well done.

### Agility Competition

On 4<sup>th</sup> September the third heat of the Margaret and Tessa Rudd Agility competition was held. Thank you to everyone involved in the organization of another successful morning. Special mention and congratulations to our winners on the day:

- 1st Mark Wilden and Rex
- 2nd Rosie Milton and Pac
- 3rd Sarah Ball and Sam
- 4th Fay Jennings and Lady

### Club Championship

The Club's 2011 obedience championships were held on Sunday 11 September. Seventeen members took part in the Novice (President's Award) championship and eleven members in the Open (Lynne Brookes and Marion Mann Awards) championships.

Thank you to everyone involved in the smooth running of the day's competition and especially judges Dianne, Rosie, Jenny, Natalie and Janet, together with Stewards Danielle, Kylie, Cheryl, Reece, Shelley and Janine and other club members who assisted when they had completed their events. Thanks also to Margaret for taking photos on the day.

Thanks to Glen who cooked up a delicious BBQ lunch and to several members and their partners, who provided very tasty slices and cakes for morning tea, and salads to accompany our BBQ. Our very grateful thanks go to Jenny who organised the BBQ supplies,

including picking them all up as the dawn rose and to Mark who made sure the BBQ was ready for action, and cut the grass in the agility area.

As always there was some fantastic work by our dogs, together with the inevitable hard luck stories. A standout in Novice was the consistent high marks achieved for the restrained recall exercise, 100% of dogs ran towards their handlers when called, (although one or two then took the opportunity for a 'fun chase' - fun for the dog but not the owner!).

In Open there were some stunning runs by the dogs in the jumping event held after lunch, the speed and accuracy of the dogs was brilliant to watch. The obedience heeling patterns were of a very high standard in several dogs, and many competitors did really well in the jump/ tunnel/jump/ retrieve exercise.

Results:

#### Lynne Brookes Trophy (R-L in photo)

- Rosie and Pac – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Diane and Lady – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Natasha and Busta – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Nerida and Trin – 4<sup>th</sup>



Rex – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
3<sup>rd</sup> Heat of  
Agility  
Competition

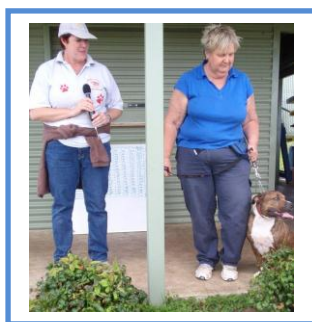
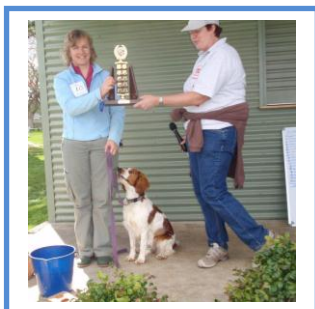


Photos courtesy Margaret Rudd



**President's Trophy**

Jan and Molly (L photo) – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Jean and Jack (R photo)– 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Emma and Mr Duffman – 3<sup>rd</sup> (not available  
 when photo taken)



*As no competitor gained 55% of a possible 200 points the Marion Mann Trophy was not awarded this year.*

**More Success**

Sincere congratulations go to Danielle Butson and her dog Tiamaria who has achieved the title of Jumping Dog (JD) after only 4 trial entries.

Club Members have again been successful in recent trials, with Ruth Hall and Shandi and Katrina Lavis and Tequila gaining passes in Community Companion Dog at the Border Collie Club Trial at Berrima. Shandi achieved second place overall. Ruth's dog Paddy then went on to gain a clear round in the Gamblers discipline. Congratulations on achieving such great results with your dogs.

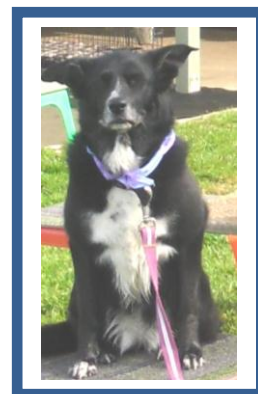
Well done to Nina Rogan and her tiny poodle Tinkerbelle for passing the Responsible Pet Ownership Program in Canberra.

Our intrepid Mudd on the Paws Flyball team drove to Sydney last weekend as the rain poured! The competition did start but had to be cancelled, but not before Busta did an outstanding run out and back – well done!

**Birthdays**



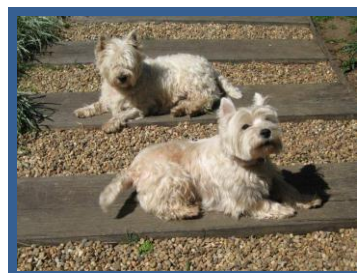
**Flynn 5 and Lady 7 Celebrate in style for their September birthdays**



**Happy Birthday Kelly - 10 years young on 13th October. Also her new friend Bindy celebrates her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**Fun photo – Thanks Roy Cullen**

**Two Westies Planking!**



**Trivia Question**

Two toy dogs of different breeds survived the sinking of the Titanic. Which breeds were they?

- Pekinese?*
- Maltese?*
- Pomeranian?*
- Papillion?*



**REMEMBER  
 CLOCKS GO  
 FORWARD  
 ONE HOUR  
 THIS  
 WEEKEND**

