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MUDTC Newsletter



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MARCH**



**Sunday 25
March
We share the
Showground
with the
Ulladulla Riders**

President's Message

2012 has certainly started on a positive note with a huge role up of new and past members on 5 February; it was great to see you all.

On 7th February members provided a wonderful morning's entertainment for visitors from the Coastal Waters Village at St Georges Basin. The Village arranged for two busloads of visitors to the Showground and they all had a great time watching the dogs perform an obedience routine and agility exercises, before having a BBQ lunch. More details and photos are included later in the Newsletter. Thank you very much to everyone involved in organising these events, which give great pleasure to so many people.

As always we have a busy schedule ahead of us, starting off this week with the 143rd Milton Show when our demonstration teams will give a presentation on

Friday 2nd; then the Agility and Jumping Trial is on Saturday 3rd and the Championship Dog Show is also on Saturday 3rd. (More details follow in this Newsletter). Our sincere thanks to Diane for obtaining sponsors and taking entries for the Club's Fun and Agility Trial.

During March some of our members will attend Sarah Claydon with their dogs for the always popular meet and greet sessions and then the demonstration team is to perform on the Saturday afternoon, 31 March, for the Relay for Life event at Milton Showground.

Members are invited to be involved in the Club's fund raising efforts for the Relay for Life for the Cancer Council. Our goal is to raise \$500 and we are selling raffle tickets and will hold a morning tea at our AGM, and more details can be found later in this Newsletter. Anyone can

make a donation on line or join our team, just visit <http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2012/shoalhaven-ulladulla/Milton-Ulladulla-Dog-Training-Club> for more information.

A very important date for your diary is the Club's Annual General Meeting and Morning Tea on Sunday 25 March at 10.30am after training classes. Please come along to support your Committee and Instructors and to take part in the elections for our 2012 Executive and Committee.

Regards



President - Natalie

Milton Show

Come along and see Dog Club members in action at this year's 143rd Annual Milton Show and Exhibition on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd March. Our Club is involved in several events over the weekend. The Show theme is Grow, Cook, Eat, so no doubt there will be some great exhibits to view in the Pavilions.



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

On Friday 2nd Dog Club demonstration team members will be in action in the dog arena on the eastern side of the Showground. The demo is held at approximately 1.30pm, although this time does vary depending on the organization of the Grand Parade in the Main Oval.

On Saturday the Club's Agility and Jumping Trials are held in the Agility Arena. We welcome Judge Natalie Winter, who was one of our presenters at Summer School. The Agility competition commences at 9am and Jumping follows at 1.30pm.

Also on Saturday, at the Dog Arenas on the eastern side of the grounds, is the Championship Dog Show (Affiliated with Dogs NSW). Chief Instructor Diane has organised this show for many years, and Diane is very grateful for the support of other Club members who assist her on the day. The Dog Club does help out by mowing the arenas and special thanks go to Mark Wilden for not only mowing our agility area, but also mowing the dog rings for the Championship Show.

Club T-Shirts

Due to a great team effort from several committee members, including Jenny, Natasha and Cheryl we now have for sale Club T-shirts at a cost of \$20 each. We purchased a variety of sizes and the T-shirts are for sale at the Clubhouse.

Championship Photos

It has been decided to move our photo board of past Championship winners to a more prominent position, under the trophy shelf in the Clubhouse. As we are missing photos of past winners since 2008, and if your dog won either the Lyn Brookes, Marion Mann, Presidents or Margaret & Tess Rudd Agility competitions in the period 2008 - 2011, you are invited to have a photo taken of your dog to include on the photo board. Please see either Margaret or Roy at training.

What to Bring to Training

This year, new members receive an amended information sheet about training at our Club. One very useful piece of information on that sheet is what to bring with you to training. I have repeated it here for the benefit of all members:

What you need to bring on training days

- Your dog's training collar and lead, the training fee and your name badge
- Poo Bags
- Half size sandwich bag full of soft tasty treats for your dog, cut into small pieces i.e. 4 pieces would make up a 5 cent piece. Suggestions – cabanossi, cooked sausage, kangaroo sausage, cheese (only a small amount), chicken, roast meat leftovers.
- Clicker
- Other training gear such as dumbbell, toys, tuggys etc

It is a great idea to have all your training gear in a bag that is always ready to pick up and bring along to training.



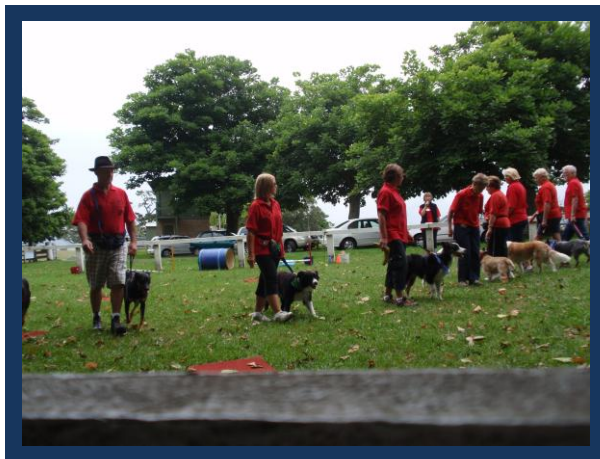
Please don't forget to wear your name badge for training classes. If you have lost your badge please ask at the New Member table for a new one.

Coastal Waters Visit

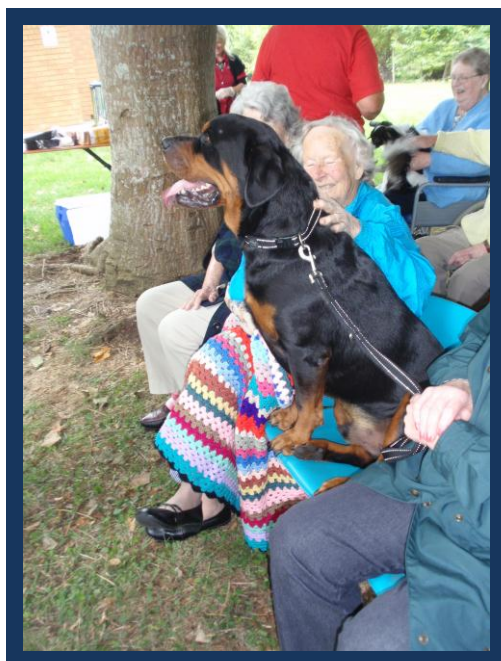
Early in February visitors from the Coastal Waters Retirement Village at St Georges Basin came to the Showground to see the Club's demonstration team in action.

Fortunately the rain clouds stayed away long enough for everyone to enjoy a great demo by the team, followed by a meet and greet session with the dogs and then a BBQ lunch for our visitors and team members. The morning was a great success and our visitors really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to a return visit later in the year.

Photos from the demo courtesy Margaret Rudd



Wheeling around!



Busta and friends

Treat Bags arrived this week and will be available to purchase from the Clubhouse on 11 March

The Club's Newsletter provides information about Club events and member happenings. If you have any interesting stories or photos for inclusion, please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.
Regards
Editor Janet
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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 25 March, after training classes and all members are invited to attend. The Club's AGM is an important meeting, so please make every effort to attend.

All Committee positions are declared vacant at the meeting and attached to the email with this Newsletter is an election nomination form for Committee Positions. A proposed new position this year is that of Catering Officer and, if approved at the AGM, we will seek nominations for this position which is to organize the catering for our functions, and manage the tea and coffee supplies.

We will also be looking to elect a second New Member Officer to replace Sarah who recently moved to Wagga Wagga to attend Uni.



As a fundraiser for our Relay for Life entry, you are invited to a morning tea at a cost of \$2 per head on the AGM morning, 25th March. Each class is asked to bring along two plates of food for the morning tea, so get together with your class mates to find out who are the cooks amongst you! Tea and coffee will be provided by the Club. We also have raffle tickets to sell for the Relay for Life and I will be selling these at training up until the 31 March. Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Member's Corner

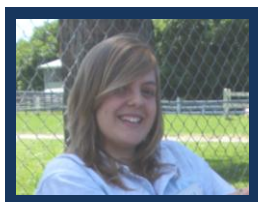
• Member News

A very warm welcome to all our new members who started in February. We wish you a long and happy association with the Club.

The new puppy ring has proved a great success, not only in providing a safe area, but also giving members an opportunity to take part in agility training in the Agility arena at 9am. Sincere thanks go to Roy for coordinating and working so hard to complete this project on time. Roy was very ably assisted by Scott, Ken, and the painting and clip fastening team of Rosemary, John, Jenny, Danielle, Janet, Diane, Rosie and Natasha (apologies to anyone I may have missed).

The first Beginner's Agility course commences on Sunday 11 March with instructor Rosie Milton. Rosie will need to assess your dog and numbers are limited. Members are encouraged to continue obedience training when not attending for agility.

• Sarah Ball



In last month's Newsletter we farewelled Sarah who has gone to study at Wagga Wagga Uni. At our Christmas Party a certificate and book token was given to Sarah from our Club. Sarah recently sent this message to all members –

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for my fantastic certificate, and gift. It's interesting to see how many bad hair days I have had over the past 10 years...Thank you to everyone for all the support and kindness you have given me throughout these years. You have always fuelled my passion to

study Veterinary science, and now I am finally on my way towards it!! My Sundays will never be as interesting anymore. From Peter's early morning jokes, to the anticipation of seeing whether or not Nat would make it back from one of her many adventures in time to take her class, my Sundays always included a laugh or two. I am also going to miss my annual attempt at winning the Marion Mann trophy that Sam and I have failed to attain over the past however many years, it is definitely one thing to remain on my bucket list. I hope there will be many more youthful animal lovers to join the club in the future that you will cherish, encourage and share your wealth of knowledge with. I will look forward to listening to Mum's weekly rundown of what's happened at dog training while I'm away, and I will be sure to keep up with all the future wins of the 'Mud on the Paws' team. Thank you once again for always being there for me." – Sarah

• Maltese Mickey



Mickey & Bertie with Tasha

Sadly one of Cynthia's little dogs, Mickey, passed away recently. As Bertie is lonely, not to mention Cynthia of course, I hear on the "grape vine" that a new 8 week old tiny puppy may soon be joining Puppy Class!

• Watch this Space

Fantastic results from individual Club members and the Mudd on the Paws Team at the recent Canberra Royal will be reported in next month's Newsletter.



Training Classes start at 9am

Please arrive at the rear of the Showground by at least **8.45am** in time to pay your training fee and hear announcements

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