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MUDTC Newsletter



President's Message

WET WEATHER CANCELLATION

Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced on Sunday July 22 through the cancellation of Dog Training. A decision is usually made early so that it can be announced over local radio stations and an email sent to members who are on the Internet. This is important to people who travel from as far away as Bomaderry in the north to Moruya in the south. In the case of the Cancellation on this Sunday, it was decided to wait and see if the weather improved as often it seems to be better by 9am when dog training starts. In the case of last Sunday it did not so a decision was made to cancel.

President - Natalie



This past month started in sadness when one of our four-legged members - Axel - was hit by a car in the showground before our demonstration team's usual Tuesday practice. Axel was off leash in the designated off-leash area when he and another dog were cleaned up by a ute accessing a neighbouring property. Axel survived the accident but lost a leg in the process. Our thoughts go out to Axel and owner Annie.

As tragic as this accident is, it brings a timely reminder to a few safety issues. Firstly, many of our members cars are seen to enter the showground much too quickly on a Sunday morning. Many dogs are off leash and as

these drivers speed around the corner toward the clubhouse they risk further catastrophe. The devastation the driver would feel if they were responsible for the injury or death of fellow dog or handler is indescribable. So, when in the showground, please SLOW DOWN.

On the subject of the showground, please remember too that despite being an off-leash area, the owner must still have control over their dog. This included keeping them off the roadways when there are cars present, and keeping them from interacting uninvited with other dogs and people. We all love our dogs, so please, take care.

Our thoughts go out to Mark Wilden as well. Mark, our beginners' instructor, is also recovering after a recent accident. We hope you're back on your feet (literally) soon Mark.

On a brighter note, our agility classes are going

well. If you want to be involved, make sure you get your name down to join.

Your dog must be 12 months old and have some basic training, but you will find the agility will help with your basic obedience training as well. Our basic agility class starts again shortly.

Also coming up is our President Cup and Club Competition, being held on August 19th. It's a fun day of competition, open to all members and their dogs.

Advanced members, or those that have been place getters in novice in the past, must go in Advanced (off leash), while all other members have the option of being in novice or advanced. All the details are on the website or Facebook, and entry is free. So, get training today and give it a go! ENTRIES CLOSE THIS SUNDAY JULY 29TH Until next time, Happy Training!

DOG LOVERS CRUISE 2013

Valerie Bulte Director of Activity Dogs has announced the inaugural DOG LOVERS –CRUISE-which will set sail next year from Sydney on December 1. Come aboard the USA Royal Caribbean Cruise liner, “Radiance of the Seas”- Guests who join the –Dog Lovers Cruise-will have the opportunity to attend and participate in lectures/discussion sessions with some of Australia’s top trainers, exhibitors and presenters across a range of dog sports. For further information email : activitydogs@gmail.com or ph.Valerie Bulte 0407128232



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

THE APDT CONFERENCE IS COMING FRIDAY 26 TO SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
REGISTRATION FOR OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN

This Conference is an annual event aimed at trainers and owners alike This year’s conference would be particularly good for anyone with problem dogs. Attendance can be a single day or up to three days and the trade exhibition is a great opportunity to check out the latest in dog’s toys and equipment. It’s worth the trip to Sydney even if only for the day. Don’t forget you can save on registration if you book by September 30.

For further details go to their Website www.opdt.com.au The Association of Pet Dog Trainers/they are also available on Facebook or speak to President Natalie for further information.



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



Jana and Tiamaria who cleaned up at Glendenning on July 10 AADA Trials.

Cheryl-Ann Brunskill and her dog Jana had good results from the South Coast Dog Training Club AADA Agility Trial recently, gaining a qualifying round in Regular Open Midi Gamblers, also a qualifying round in combined Elementary Midi Agility plus a qualifying round in Regular Intermediate Midi-Agility and a qualifying round in combined Starter Midi Jumping, altogether gaining two 1st places, one 2nd place, and a pass in Gamblers. They were the best on the day.

Danielle Butson and Tiamaria gained a qualifying round in Combined Starters Maxi Agility, also gained 3rd place in Regular Intermediate Maxi Agility and a 2nd place in Combined starter Maxi Jumping, which she also qualified.

Diane Richmond and Lady gained a qualifying round coming 1st in Combined Elementary Jumping and also gained a 3rd place in Combined Starters Midi Agility with one fault and one fault in Regular Intermediate Midi Agility. Ruth Hall and Detroit gained a qualifying round and a 1st place in Elementary Maxi Agility Qualifying round and 1st place in Starter Maxi Jumping and a qualifying round and 2nd place in Elementary Maxi Jumping.

ANNIE AND AXEL

As you all know, Axel was hit by a car on the showground before demonstration training recently and lost a leg as a result. Annie is facing large expenses. Our hearts go out to Annie and while the club is prevented from helping Annie in an official capacity we are placing a collection tin at the front counter for anyone who would like to donate. We will ensure that all donations reach Annie to help pay Axel's bills and urge everyone to put a spare couple of dollars in the tin. Every little bit will help.

Annie and Axel photographed below.



**PICK UP
AFTER
YOUR DOG**
Dog owners are asked to carry a plastic bag to pick up after your dog at all times.

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 Margaret
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OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR TWO CLUB MEMBERS

Congratulations to two of our Club Members Cheryl-Ann Brunskill and Danielle Butson who came home from Glendenning AADA Agility Championships on Sunday July 10, who enjoyed eight clear rounds, two titles and about ten first places between them and a lot of dried pig ears treats also won as prizes for the dogs, which kept them happy on the way home.

Cheryl-Ann and her dog Jana had fantastic results, 1st and clear round in regular Open A Agility, 1st and clear in Starters Agility, 1st and clear round in Intermediate Agility, 1st and clear round in Intermediate Jumping, 1st and clear round in Starters Jumping and the other two events she went .2 of a second over in time and the other events one fault. This meant she came home with many prizes and also her Beginners Agility dog Title and her Australian Agility Dog Title, AAD. There were many comments from the audience how well she and her dog worked together. Cheryl-Ann would like to thank Kim Porter for training Jana 99% of her training with Kim in private lessons without it would they would not have achieved their goals.

Danielle and her dog Tiamaria gained 1st and clear round at Starters Agility, 1st and clear round in Intermediate Jumping, and clear round and 1st in Starters Jumping and in three events only got one fault in each gaining three firsts so went very well which means that Tiamaria now has her AAD Title as well. They had a good day and the previous week at Parramatta Danielle and Tiamaria had another fun day coming 1st and a clear round in qualifying in Open Jumping.

Diane Richmond and her dog Lady has also gained her BAAD Title from AADA and only needs one more for her AAD Title.

Member's Corner

PRE-PAID FEES

Members are reminded that they are welcome to pre-pay their fees in advance at the New Members Table to Tracey or Margaret next to the Agility Ring to save them paying every week. Weekly \$2 Class Fees can be paid there also if you have the correct change which saves you going to the Clubhouse. We do ask that members do not take their dogs with them to the Clubhouse to save congestion.

All Dog Club Correspondence should be addressed to:
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Or Email:
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GRADUATIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have graduated from Beginners to Basic. Ginette and Ringer, Robyne and Pepper, Barry and Mac, Beckie and Wookie, Graham and Nikkie and Di and Tammy. Cheryl-Ann and Seb from Basic to Intermediate.

A reminder to those who graduate to ask your Instructor for your new coloured spot to put on your name tag. For those who are not aware the coloured stickers are as follows. Quick Start **Orange**, Beginners **Green** Intermediate **Pink**, Advanced **Yellow**

The Club is also deciding on a coloured card for new members to wear on their first day, more details later on this.

CLASSES

Classes this year are Baby Puppy (Dogs 16 weeks or less) Quick Start a 4 week introduction to training, Beginners Class, Basic Class, Intermediate Class and Advanced Class. Beginners Agility and Advanced Agility is held alternately in four week blocks at 9am in the Agility ring. More experienced handlers can run a course before 9am.

GET WELL WISHES

Get Well Wishes to the following members. Equipment Officer and Instructor Mark Wilden who has had a knee injury and will be out of action for a while. A big thank you to Steve and Cheryl Ball who have offered to mow the dog club area while Mark is out of action. John Milton, husband of Instructor Rosie has been in Hospital and is sent a big cheerio. Looking forward to Cynthia and Barbara coming back to training.

NEW MEMBERS DAY

Next New Members Day will be on Sunday August 5th. Please be at the rear or Milton Showground by 8.30am to register your dog, cost \$30 includes joining fee, annual subs, clicker and special treats, from then on cost is \$2 only each Sunday. You need to wear sensible clothing hat, closed in shoes and look forward to training your dogs. Puppies from eight weeks of age can join any Sunday of the month but dogs over four months can only join on the first Sunday of the month as there is a four weeks Quick Start Program that the dogs, four months of age and over take part in.

TESSA RUDD & PENNY CULLEN AGILITY COMPETITIONS

A decision has been made by the Club's Committee to have the Tessa Rudd Agility Competition Trophy for large dogs and that small dogs will now compete for the Penny Cullen Agility Competition with many thanks to Roy and Jan Cullen for their donation of this trophy.

Winners of the second round were Small dogs, Rosie Milton and Mikki Ist, Rosemary Rixon and Flynn 2nd.

Larger dogs Danielle and Tiamaria Ist, Ruth Hall and Paddy 2nd, Ruth Hall and Shandi 3rd and Jean Channon and Jack 4th.

The next round will be held on September 16 and the final round on November 18, with the winners decided on the best out of four rounds.