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MUDTC Newsletter



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ON SUNDAY
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Please wear
your name
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If you have
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New Member
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Hi my name is



President's Message

Hello members

As this month's newsletter goes to press, I'm in Sydney at the Annual APDT conference - a conference aimed at people who are involved in the care and training of animals. The conference is open to all people and is an excellent opportunity to learn new training techniques and socialise with other people of similar interest. It attracts overseas and local speakers, and in past years has involved behind the scenes visits to Taronga Zoo, demonstration videos from international speakers training whales and sharks, and visits from trainers of service and police dogs. The calming work that the intermediate class has been doing of late is directly from last year's conference, and I look forward to sharing the knowledge I gain from this year's conference with classes and instructors in the coming months.

Also behind scenes, your instructors are currently deciding on this year's prize winners as we wind down toward our Christmas break. We are on the lookout for people who are not only good at what they do, but also those that try that much harder, persevere against adversity, or succeed despite the material (dog!) they are working with! It is always a difficult decision to make as so many of our

members put in so much hard work in getting the best out of their dogs. So, put your smiles on, and show us just how good you are!

In sad news, some of our members have recently lost their dogs to snakes and ticks. It is tragic losing our pets at any time, and our hearts go out to those that are hurting so deeply at the moment.

On a brighter note, our local flyball team is holding a competition at the showground on Saturday November 10th. They have been working hard at recent competitions and the weekend promises to be excellent entertainment. Come and join us - helpers and spectators most welcome!

With the training year coming to an end I do hope you have had a great time with your dog at classes during 2012 and I look forward to seeing many of you at our end of year Awards and Christmas Party on 2 December.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to all.*



Until next time, Happy Training!



President Natalie

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
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FOR
 INFORMATION
 THE NEXT
 ULLADULLA
 RIDERS EVENT
 AT THE
 SHOWGROUND
 WILL BE HELD
 THIS SUNDAY
 4 NOVEMBER



Flyball – Fast and Furious

Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club's Flyball team – Mudd on the Paws, is holding a great event on Saturday 10 November at Milton Showground from 9am until 4pm.

We would appreciate any help with the bbq, stewarding and helping with organising. The competition runs all day in the dressage area of the Milton Showgrounds. If any Club member is able to help out on the day, please email your name to Janet at info@mudtc.org.au or phone 4455 3137.

A big thank you goes to our great sponsors and the Mudd on the Paws Teams are most grateful to Hills Science Diet Company; Mark and Cathy Sommerville of Budget Produce; Greenpet; Show'em How Much you Love'em Company.

Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs, racing side by side. One dog from each team must go over four hurdles, trigger a flyball box pedal, catch a ball and then return over all four jumps to the start/finish where the next dog eagerly awaits their turn. The best of 5 runs, with the fastest time, and no faults, wins.

It is a noisy sport, for when the dogs hear the electronic start lights go off they want to run.

Our Club's team Mudd on the Paws will have two teams racing against teams from Canberra, Wollongong and Dapto. You will see all breeds of dogs racing. Large and small, from Foxies, Whippets, Toy Poodles to a large Briard, Border Collies and Australian Kelpies, Laggoto, West Highland Terriers, and not seen before a Rottweiler.

So come along and support your local teams. You will certainly enjoy yourself at this action packed, must see event.

On Sunday 11 November, we will be holding flyball training for anyone at any level. We will have the lights set up and it will start at 10 am and go till about 1 pm ending with a sausage sizzle. This will be free for all members, come along and see what flyball is all about - bring your dog on Sunday and see if you and your dog are interested.



Demo Teams



The Club's Demonstration Team is looking for new participants to join them. The Team is open to any member of the club interested in extending the training and experiences for themselves and their dog. The only requirements are for the dog to be reasonably settled and sociable, to have a basic level of obedience and have a trainer that is willing to learn and develop the skills to teach the dog new and improved (and sometimes quite different) skills.

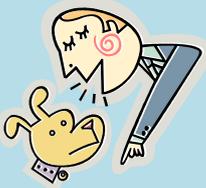
The Demonstration Team performs routines set to music that encompass the basic obedience skills taught at the club; incorporate other fun activities learnt at the club like dummy work, weaving, holding and carrying items; and generally showcasing to the public the value of belonging to the MUDTC.



As well as our demonstrations, which are performed at a variety of venues, the team provides a 'Pets as Therapy' program at Sarah Claydon, where the dogs visit and mingle with the residents in the Nursing and High Care units and the Mimosa Centre. These sessions sometimes become trick demonstrations by the dogs which the residents thoroughly enjoy.



Tell your Friends



New Baby Puppies can join our Club on any Sunday if they are 4 months of age or under.

Dogs over 4 months can join the Club's Quick Start Course on the 1st Sunday of the Month

Membership Forms can be downloaded from the Club website

www.mudtc.org.au



Unfortunately most of our demonstrations are held during the week; and practices are held on Tuesday mornings from 7.30 am (socialising the dogs) until around 9.00am. We do have some demonstrations that fall on Saturdays and, as long as the routines are learned, there is no problem with members only joining in those demonstrations. If you have the time and would like to join in the fun of these occasions, please see Rick, Liz, Rosie, Jenny, Rosemary or Chief Instructor Diane, or your Class Instructor, at the Dog Club on Sundays. Belonging to the team can add a further dimension to your Dog Club experience and bring a lot of joy not only to yourself and your dog, but to the public who watch the performances.

Club Agility Competition

A reminder that the final event in the Club's Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Agility Competition will be held on Sunday 18 November. Please arrive by 7.30am to walk the course before competition.

Training Classes will be held as usual at 9am on the 18th. If you are interested

in training your dog in Agility, do come along early on the 18th and watch members and their dogs have a lot of fun competing over the course.

Tick Warning

Sadly this week we have lost one of our outstanding flyball dogs. Flyball Team Member, Trent's dog Jem was 13 years old and still competing. He had slowed a little from his younger days but was still as competitive and still as reliable. Jem was taken out by a paralysis tick in Wollongong. From all his flyball human and doggie friends - we will miss you.

When using tick protection on your dog, please follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Early signs of tick poisoning could be an alteration in your dog's bark. If in any doubt, take your dog to the Vet as soon as possible, as early treatment is very important. Later stage treatment is not always successful, and can be very expensive.

Snakes are active now, so be especially careful when allowing your dog to roam off-lead in areas where snakes are likely to be around.

New Sign and Agility Gate



Once again, our grateful thanks to Roy Cullen for making the wonderful sign displayed in our puppy ring. Cairn Terrier, Flynn, is very proud to be photographed in front of our new sign. The Club successfully applied for a donation from the Trust for the materials to complete the fencing of the puppy ring.

We are also very grateful to Roy and Mark for organizing a new entrance gate to the agility ring. At time of going to press the gate is under construction.

Member's Corner

• Welcome

A very warm welcome to new members in October; Ashley Cuttell and Jax, Jennifer Heystek and Percy, Yvonne Bulluss and Sophie, Jane McCrossin and Maggie, Christine Knight and Pixie, Brian Azzopardi & Francine Lovett and Buddy, Guy Elm and Charlie. We also welcome back past member Christel Wernig with her new puppy Sofi.

• Graduations

Congratulations to all members who have graduated during October – well done.

• Competition Results

The AADA Grand Prix event in Tamworth over the first weekend in October saw members, Rosie Milton, Cheryl Brunskill and Danielle Butson achieve outstanding results with their dogs, Pac, Wizz, Jana and Tiamaria. Many Club members and their dogs, some are mentioned later in this section, consistently achieve top class results, and our Club is extremely proud of them.

Congratulations to Kylie White and her terrier, Ash, who gained their Flyball Dog Title at the Castle Hill Flyball Comp on 7 October.

At the Border Collie Club on 13 October, Ruth Hall and Detroit came first in Novice Agility and gained a qualifying score. Ruth continued her great results in competition with her dogs Detroit, Shandi and Mr Paddy in both Excellent Agility and Excellent Jumping.

At the Camden Agility Comp on 20 October Miki the Papillon - who turned

18 months on the Saturday (the youngest age at which you can compete) came 1st with a clear round (no faults) in Elementary Agility, 2nd with a clear round in Starters Agility and 3rd with one fault in Elementary Jumping. This was Miki's first competition in very trying weather conditions in Camden. High winds and temperature of 35 degrees. So he came away in his first competition with two qualification cards.



Miki

At the same competition Cheryl Brunskill and Jana gained a first in Open A Midi Jumping and a 2nd in Advanced Jumping. Ruth Hall and Detroit gained a Qualifying score in Open A Agility a 2nd in Intermediate Regular Midi Jumping and a 2nd with Detroit in Maxi Jumping. Louise Hamilton and Darcy gained a number of 1st places, and the ribbons were fantastic! Danielle also competed with Tiamaria – well done to all.

Member Barry Jones has been totally involved in Conformation showing with his Dalmation, Mac. He is doing really well in the world of dog showing and gained his title as an Australian Champion on 22/9/12 at the Nowra Kennel Club Championship Show held at Berry. Since then he has received a number of Best of Breed awards and several Best Australian Bred in group as well. Barry and Mac continue to travel, and have just returned from a four week trip covering shows in Tamworth, Kyogle and Forbes.

Please don't take your dog with you when you pay at the Clubhouse counter as it can get very congested.



If you have the correct change, or want to pre-pay for lessons, you can pay Margaret or Tracey at the New Beginners Table.



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SUMMER SCHOOL

Sunday Dog Training classes finish on 2 December and recommence the first Sunday in February 2013.

A number of Summer School Sunday sessions will be held over the break. More information will be emailed to members when available.



• Updates

Our very best wishes to Diane and Rosie, who are both having short hospital stays soon. Diane, in November for an operation on her back, and Rosie, in December for treatments to her knee.

• Birthdays

Rick's dog Bindy enjoyed her 2nd birthday on the 1 October at a party with good friends Kelly and Bonny. (They are being particularly good because Bindy's cake is made from sausages!)



Bonny Bindy Kelly



• Christmas Party

Sunday 2 December is our last training day for the year, and also when we hold our Awards and Party celebrations. Please let Margaret, Tracey or Cheryl know if you will be staying for the BBQ so we have an idea of numbers for catering. Training is free on the day, and there is no cost for the BBQ to members and their immediate family.

The morning starts with a ½ hour training class, followed by morning tea while our Awards are presented. Then party games with handlers and dogs, followed by our BBQ Brunch. Lots of fun for all!

• For Sale



Member Fay Jennings has one set Wahl Poodle Clippers, tried once – cost \$80 will sell for \$50, please contact Fay on 0400 349 105.

• Looking for a New Home

Please talk to Rosie Milton if you, or someone you know, would like to give a new home to a small Papillion. This little dog is at the Papillion Rescue Centre in Sydney.

• Trivia – Bells at Christmas



Bells, especially Church Bells, have been traditionally associated with Christmas for a long time. In churches that have a Bell or Bells, they are often rung to signal the start of the Christmas service. In Victorian times, it was very fashionable to go carol singing with small hand bells to play the tune of the carol. Sometimes there would only be the bells and no singing.

How many Bells can you find in this Newsletter?

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



The Christmas Bells of the golden land ring clear on the balmy air. In the morning gray of a glorious day in a land that is bright and fair – W. T Goodge