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MUDTC Newsletter



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FOR INFORMATION

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT THE
SHOWGROUND

6 APRIL

**ULLADULLA
RIDERS
CANCELLED**

**16 – 28 APRIL
CARAVAN
GROUP AT THE
SHOWGROUND**

**25 MAY
ROTARY SWAP
MEET**

President's Message

The Club's AGM was held recently and I am again honoured to be your President for the next 12 months. I sincerely thank our outgoing committee members who have done a great job. I was also delighted to confirm Life Membership on two very dedicated Members; Cheryl Ball and Jenny Patch.

We have had a busy start to the year, holding the successful Fun Agility & Jumping Competition, sponsored by Eukanuba, at Milton Show. Plus our demonstration team, under the leadership of Rick Venning, put on a great display on the Friday of the Show, and took part in the Grand Parade. Thanks go to everyone involved in these events.

I would like to welcome all our new members and also our members who have new dogs and puppies.

Most people come to the dog club to socialise their puppy and to learn how to teach the basics of obedience. Some members get so enthusiastic that they continue on through the obedience classes and sometimes do agility, flyball, tracking or obedience trialling.

Some of the basics that you can teach your puppy follow:

Come and go Game – sitting on the floor with food in your hand, throw a piece about 2-3 feet away while the puppy is watching you. As he gets to it, click and he will pick up the food off the floor as the reward. As soon as he has the food, call his name excitedly and when he is on his way back to you, click and reward from your hand. Repeat this exercise a couple of times. You can use the commands 'Go' and 'come' after your puppy knows what the game is.

Restrained recalls – you will need someone to help you with this game. Your helper should hold your puppy (around the chest if possible) – you start a couple of feet away from your puppy and run away with a toy in your hand. When the pup catches up with you, have a game of tug. You need to be very noisy and excited so that the puppy is pulling away from your helper in order to get to you.

If you do these two games twice a day you will find you have a dog who is excited to spend time playing recall games with you.

The most important thing to do with your puppy is to play interactive games with him – e.g. tug games where you hold the tug, or games where you and the dog are a team and the dog is bonding to you.

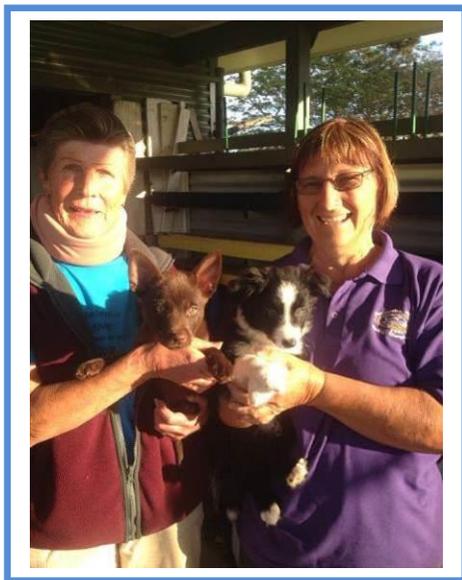
Interactive games do not include throwing balls – that is great for fitness but the most important thing to the dog in this game is actually the ball and not you.

Playing games should be fun for both you and your dog.

**Happy
Easter**

Regards – President Rosie Milton





Photos from Top L – R Tracey with Koda and Liz with Rose; Helen with Swiper at the Fun Agility Jumping Competition. Diane and Rosie with puppies Rusty and Dan; Ryoko's very smart dog Coco! and Belinda and Kelly at the Fun Agility Jumping Competition
Photos courtesy Margaret Rudd and Jenny Patch

AGM

At the Club's AGM held on Sunday 16 March your Committee was elected for the coming 12 months:

President - Rosie Milton
 Vice-President – Roy Cullen
 Secretary - Belinda Smithers
 Assistant Secretary - Janet Smith
 Treasurer/Public Officer - Cheryl Ball
 Chief Instructor - Diane Richmond
 Assistant Chief Instructor - Jenny Patch
 Publicity Officer - Margaret Rudd
 New Members Team - Margaret Rudd and Tracey Collins
 Equipment Officer - Mark Wilden
 Catering Officer - Jenny Patch
 General Committee Members - Billie Mcleod, Natasha Backhouse and Tracey Wakeford

Vice President Roy Cullen proposed the Club adopt as its Constitution the 2009 Model Constitution from the Department of Fair Trading and this was agreed.

It was also resolved that the Annual Membership Renewal fee would increase from \$6 to \$10 in 2015.

Life Memberships

At the AGM on 16 March, President Rosie Milton presented Jenny Patch and Cheryl Ball with Life Membership in recognition of their valuable contribution to our Club.

Jenny has been a member for 10 years and has persevered during this time to train her difficult cattle dog Billy. She has volunteered many thousands of hours for the Club including setting up agility rings for a 7.30 am start on Sunday mornings, helping with agility on Friday mornings and instructing agility between 9-10 am on Sunday mornings. She is also very active in fly ball training and a member of the 4PR team.

Jenny is a member of the demonstration team which trains on Tuesday mornings and does demos on Australia Day at Mollymook and Sussex Inlet, the Milton Show and others showcasing the Club's training. She has been a member of the Committee for many years and was

elected as Assistant Chief Instructor in 2010. She recently also took on the office of Catering Officer and is doing a fantastic job organizing barbeques and making slices to die for. Currently she would spend at least 10 hours per week at the Club - training, instructing, in her role as Catering Officer, cleaning up and generally doing anything that needs some attention.

Jenny is always willing to help out and to promote the growth of the Club.



Jenny receives her Life Member Badge from Janet

Cheryl Ball joined Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club in February 2004 with her Cavalier puppy, Oscar. We first met Cheryl in 2002 when her daughter, Sarah Ball, joined the Club with puppy Sam. Sarah was a very dedicated member and took part in many Club Championships, became an assistant instructor, and donated the Club's Junior Handler annual trophy.

Cheryl always attended training classes with Sarah and continued her regular attendance with her puppy, and now adult dog, Oscar.

Cheryl first became involved in the Club's committee in 2007, and in 2008 was elected as one of the New Member Officers and assisted past Treasurer Henry in the Clubhouse each Sunday morning. She continued that role until in 2010 Cheryl was elected as our Club Treasurer/Public Officer.



**IF TRAINING IS
 CANCELLED
 DUE TO WET
 WEATHER**

**IT WILL BE
 ANNOUNCED
 ON 2ST &
 POWER FM
 THERE WILL
 BE A NOTICE
 ON OUR WEB
 SITE**

**FACEBOOK
 PAGE AND
 MEMBERS
 WILL RECEIVE
 AN EMAIL**

The position of Club Treasurer is an extremely important role in any Club, and requires dedication and commitment to ensure the finances of the Club are in good order. Cheryl has always shown these qualities. We see Cheryl every Sunday morning at the Clubhouse collecting fees, helping new members, taking monies for equipment sales, and of course the list goes on. The Treasurer's role involves much more work "behind the scenes" dealing with the bank, keeping accurate records, organising Stock Take, and liaison with our auditor, ensuring everyone crosses the "t" and dots the "i" in anything to do with Club finances, and Cheryl is always "on the job" in that regard.

The funding does not include fencing and because the Dog Club feels this is very important, we have started a project to raise funds, or donation of volunteer hours, to erect fencing around the equipment. Dog Club members, or their friends can sponsor a section of the fence, and businesses will be able to erect small signs on the fence to acknowledge their contribution.

Committee members Diane Richmond, and our new Secretary, Belinda Smithers are in charge of the fund raising for the fencing project. Please see them at training, or email info@mudtc.org.au if you have ideas or would like more information.

These types of parks are very common in other parts of Australia, especially in Queensland. It will be fantastic to have an area like this at the Showground which will be available for everyone to use.

Don't 'sit on the fence' let's all get behind this great project.



Cheryl receives her Life Member Badge from Janet

Congratulations to Jenny and Cheryl.



Purina/Nestle Prize

Shoalhaven City Council has received funds from Purina/Nestle to install play equipment for dogs within an existing dog off leash area of the City, and has selected Milton Showground as one of the areas to receive these funds. The Showground Management Committee has agreed to contribute to this project by preparing a small dog park area in the south west corner of the Showground. The play equipment is not competition agility equipment, and is provided by the company Paws4Play. The pictures below are examples of the type of equipment to be installed.



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.



Please ALWAYS clean up after your dog



MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new members, we hope you enjoy a rewarding and happy time with your dog at training classes.

Parking Your Dog

When you are waiting in front of the Clubhouse for training classes to start, and chatting to your friends with their dogs, it's a very good idea to 'park' your dog. This means keeping your dog close to you by standing on the lead, while still holding the lead in your hand. Your dog is far less able to move toward other dogs, or jump up, when kept in the 'park' position.

Photo Shoot 23 March

The Bay & Basin Camera Club came along to Dog Training on 23 March and took lots of photos of our dogs working and at play. The Camera Club photos should be available on their web site about 3 weeks after the 23rd. The Dog Club will also have disc of all the photos.

❁ Membership Fees ❁

Your Annual Membership renewal fee of \$6 is now due and should be paid by 30 April 2014.

Happy Birthday 😊



Congratulations to Billy the Cattle Dog, 10 years old this week, and owned by Assistant Chief Instructor Jenny. A Flyball Champion, 2009 winner of the Club's Peter Smith & Jimmy Award and long-time member of the Club's Demo Team.

Girls Weekend Away!

What a catch! One of those great fishing stories from member Hilary who was fishing with her sister Audrey (from WA) in Port Phillip Bay Victoria with Hilary's son Paul, in his new boat, named My Therapy. These wonderful fish were approximately 3.2kg Snapper (6 1/2lb in the old language). The joy of the story is that whilst Hilary and her sister were catching the Snapper, Paul's mate in a boat close by didn't seem to land anything! They all had a great day, although husbands Brian and Peter might just have been a little green with envy as both are keen fishermen too!



New Family Member

Congratulations to Margaret Rudd who has a gorgeous new Great Grandson, William David Parkes, born in Canberra on 11 March.



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WANTED

Members to join the Club's demo team.

Quiet dogs for meet and greet at Sarah Claydon,

and Dogs for event demonstrations

Practice held at 8am on Tuesday mornings at the Showground



RESULTS PAGE – MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Graduation from Quick Start to Beginners

Tracey and Dallas
 Elaine and Sookie
 Job and Dusty
 Lurlene and Oscar
 Donna and Brian with Scarlett and Sophia
 Milton and Cassy
 Chris and Keisha
 Paul and Monica – Lizzie and BJ
 Paula and Joey
 Joanne and Banjo
 Diane and Tilly
 Merrill and Aria
 Darren and Missy
 Adam and Sharon – Savy



Championship Dog Show – Milton Show

Hilary Coulton and Dunsfold Soldier of Fortune Runner-up Best of Breed Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
 Daniele Butson and Reedyvale Kah Lua won Best Open Neuter Labrador
 Alison Nagle and Australian Champion Beljekali Zelene (Holly) won Best of Breed Belgian Shepherd (Groenedael)
 Alison Nagle and Beljekali Jacinthe Des Bois (Georgia) won Best Baby Puppy n Group
 Barry Jones and Australian Champion Starswept Scottish Sovereign (Mac) won Best of Breed Dalmation

Fun Agility and Jumping Competition – held at Milton Show – sponsors Eukanuba (photos on Page 2)

Novice Agility – Liz Karasconyi and Rose – 1st Place Medium Dogs with clear round
 Novice Agility – Helen Voyce and Swiper – 1st Place Small Dogs with clear round
 Novice Agility – Rosie Milton and Tazzi – 2nd Place Small Dogs with clear round
 Excellent Jumping – Louise Meagher and Wispa 1st Place Medium Dogs with clear round
 Excellent Jumping – Louise Meagher and Bella – 2nd Place Medium Dogs with clear round
 Excellent Jumping – Liz Karasconyi and Rose – 3rd Place Medium Dogs with clear round
 Pairs teams Small Dogs – Gail Starr and Merlin with Rosie Milton and Mikki 1st Place;
 Tracey Collins and Koda with Sue Swaney and Bonnie 2nd Place; Rachel Swaney and Turbo and Tony Mitchel with Zena 3rd Place.
 Pairs Teams Medium Dogs – Jack Winter and Bug with Jackie Koppman and Woody 1st Place;
 Rosie Milton and Wizz and Jack Winter and Bug 2nd Place; Danielle Butson and Lua with Louise Meagher and Bella 3rd Place.

Belinda Smithers with Kelly received a special “Exceptional Handler” Award from Judge Natalie Winter.



Do You Have Something for the Newsletter?
 We'd love to hear from you – newsletter@mudtc.org.au or leave hard copy at
 the New Member Table