

MUDTC Newsletter



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President's Message

For the second time in the past few years we made the decision to close Dog Club for 10 days because of an outbreak of Kennel Cough. This is a particularly contagious disease and the Milton Vet told us that he has had several cases since February, in dogs from the Milton area. We have disinfected buckets and shared equipment as much as possible at the Club house. It is advisable for members to bring their own water containers for their dog to have a drink, as shared use of buckets could spread any infection. If your dog is diagnosed with Kennel Cough, or any other infectious illness, please let us know as soon as possible, and keep your dog away from other dogs to try to avoid the spread of the infection. Your Vet will advise you what to do.

Our first committee meeting of the year was very busy and we have set dates for our various Club competitions and our ADAA Agility Trial later in the year. More details can be found in this month's Newsletter. Once again we will be supporting the Ulladulla & South Coast Branch of the RSPCA in their annual fund raiser - Dog's Day Out to

be held at Lions Park Burrill Lake on Sunday 17 May. We hope many of you will support the day, I am sure there will be lots of fun events, and the Club's demonstration team will be performing. To enable members and their families to attend the RSPCA day, there will be no dog training classes at the Showground on the 17th.

Sincere thanks to Vice President Rick Venning who represented our Club at the first Showground Management Committee meeting for the year. Also sincere thanks to member Alison Nagle who has volunteered to be our representative on the Management Committee. Rick will also attend the meetings if he can, although he will be doing a lot of travelling this year.

Thanks everyone for your good wishes to me for my recent operation. It went very well, and I'm back home taking it easy for a little while!



Regards
Rosie Milton
President

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Special points of interest

- **No Training** on Easter Sunday 5 April 2015
- New Members Day moved to 12 April 2015
- We share the grounds with Riders 19 April
- **No training** Sunday 3 May - Kidgeeridge Music Festival

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**SHOWGROUND
SPEED LIMITS - 10
& 15KPH**

MUDTC Club Championships 2015

Agility Competitions

The Club holds a number of events during the year to give Club members the opportunity to compete in either Obedience or Agility with their dogs. Whilst these events are based on exercises used in formal dog competitions, they are Club events, and not formal trialling, as is our ADDA event in August.

On 26 April the first in a series of four agility events will be held. Subsequent events will be held on 14 June, 9 August and 18 October. (these dates may be subject to change). This year a new trophy has been added entitled the Kelly Trophy. This means there will be 3 Agility Trophies to be won: The Tessa Rudd Trophy for Club Agility for large dogs; the Penny Cullen Memorial Bowl for Club Agility for small dogs (open to all members); and the Kelly Trophy. The Kelly Trophy is an event designed to encourage any non-trialling Club members to compete with their dog to gain a MUDTC Agility Award.

The Kelly Trophy has been generously donated by Instructor Rick Venning. The Kelly Trophy competition will be run on the same day as the Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Club Agility events. For the Kelly Trophy there is no separate competition for small or large dogs - all dogs compete in the same course and for the same trophy. Participants can come from any MUDTC class, but must have a basic knowledge of Agility through either class exercises or lessons with Jenny or Rosie, and an understanding of basic safety for themselves and their dog when competing. Dogs that have trialled, including or-

ganised events such as the Fun Trial at the Milton Show, or who have won any of the MUDTC Club Agility competitions will not be eligible to enter the Kelly Trophy. It really is designed for the beginners and should be entered in a spirit of fun as well as to experience the excitement of competitive trialling.

On the day of competition, dogs and handlers must be at the Club grounds by 7.15am to enrol, listen to judge's briefing and to sight the course. All Training classes are held as usual from 9am.

Obedience Competition

The Club's Obedience Competitions for large and small dogs will be held on Sunday 26 July. Usual classes are cancelled on that day and all members are encouraged to take part, or come along to support other members. A sub-committee of Diane, Belinda and Liz is working on the program for the competitions and this will be finalised as soon as possible so the various exercises can be taught in class. The advanced dogs can compete for the Lyn Brookes Champion Companion Dog Award (large dogs) and the Marion Mann Champion Companion Dog Award (small dogs). Novice dogs can compete in the President's Trophy for both large and small dogs.

ADAA Competition & Flyball

We will hold our annual Australian Dog Agility Association event on the weekend of 22 and 23 August at the Showground. Plans are also underway for our annual Flyball Competition, most likely to be held in September.



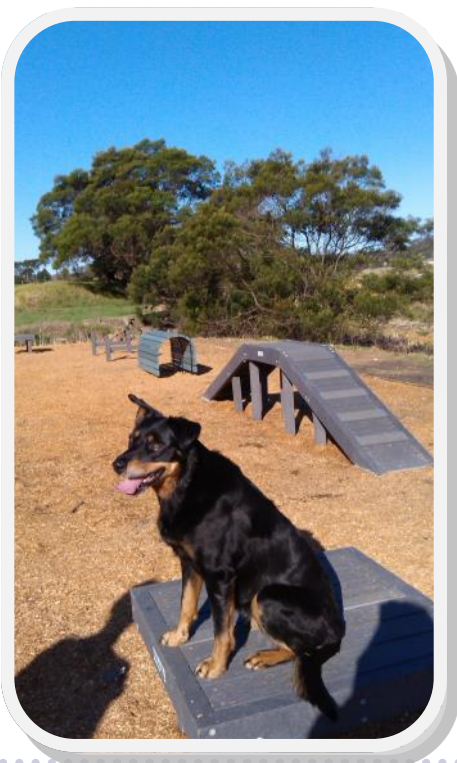
Congratulations Razor - best Neuter at the Braidwood Show in March, at his first Show Outing!



Henri enjoying his new bed



From the Archives - Club Demonstration at Australia Day Mollymook Beach—2001



Dog Agility Area in use

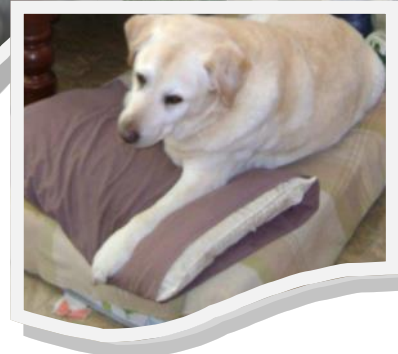


Club News



Our beautiful Patron Dog Jimmy went to sleep on 13 March, we all love and miss him. Owner, and Life Member Fiona and her sister Beanie, say that "Jimmy was special and he loved all his mates at Dog School, even though he never got past class 3. We had a special day with him on Friday filling him up on fillet steak and devon, his favourites. He is in dog heaven with Dad."

Jimmy's Dad was the late Peter Smith our respected and fondly remembered Club Patron.



Vale Jimmy

Oct 2000 - March 2015

Kidgeeridge Music Festival

The weekend of 1, 2 and 3 May will see a new annual event at the Showground, the Kidgeeridge Music Festival. This festival will use the whole Showground for the performances and camping, so Dog Training is cancelled on Sunday 3 May. New member's day will be moved to Sunday 10 May.

Ulladulla & South Coast RSPCA Dog's Day Out

The Dog's Day Out is on Sunday 17 May at Lions Park Burrill Lake. Our friends at the RSPCA will be organising lots of events, so please go along and support them in their major fund raiser for the year. The Club's demonstration team will perform during

the morning and there will be no dog training classes at the Showground on that day. Further details will be provided in next month's Newsletter.

Rotary Swap Meet



This annual Rotary Fund Raising event is on Sunday 24 May. Dog Training continues as usual on this day. An entry fee is collected at the gate by Rotary members, so Dog Club members please let the collectors know you are attending Dog Club, and you will not be required to pay the entry fee, unless you wish to attend the Swap Meet after training classes.

Club News.. cont

Club Agility



Many Members have expressed an interest in training in the agility discipline. Because our Club has a limited number of instructors it hasn't been possible to provide a fixed program for these classes. In an endeavour to resolve this, the Club is working on a program which we hope to finalise by the beginning of May.

In the meantime there will be no new agility acceptances during April whilst the agility regime is being finalised. Existing beginner and intermediate agility handlers can attend on the 12, 19 and 26 April – Beginners at 9am and Intermediate at 9.45am.

Any member who wishes to be assessed for Agility, and is not yet taking part in any of the agility classes, please give your name and email address to Cheryl at the Clubhouse so you can be contacted once the Agility Class Structure has been finalised.

First Aid Officer



We are very grateful to Natalie Moore who is our first aid officer and assisted in putting together our First Aid kit. If other members are trained in first aid, and would like to share this role with Natalie, especially on training days when she is not able to attend, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Ulladulla District Riders



The Ulladulla District Riders will commence their events this year on Sunday 19 April. The Riders advise they believe this will be a small event, with only a few entrants. We share the grounds with the Riders during the year and they use the main arena and the Camping Areas 3 and 4 to the north of our agility ring. If there are large horse floats, they need to park in the area to the east of our agility ring. Notification of shared days will be given once the Rider's program is finalised. Please make sure your dog is on lead around the horses.

Behaviour Training

On Sunday 19 April at 10.15 Roger Mayer, an experienced Dog Behaviour Trainer, has accepted an invitation to attend our Club to talk about the importance of focus and drive in our dogs. Roger is a local trainer and has 25 years experience in police dog training. If you are interested in hearing Roger's talk please register with Chief Instructor, Diane. Roger has asked to have only a small group for this first visit, and so you must register your interest to attend. If there is a large number of registrations, we will ask Roger if he can attend on extra days to accommodate everyone.

Members Corner

A warm welcome to all our recent new members. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.

Congratulations! to these members who recently graduated from the Quick Start Course: Emily Bingham and Karl; Karin Smith and Peter Booth with Mia; Keith Black and Toby; Helen Anderson and Marvel.

Best Wishes

Our very best wishes go to member Kylie White who will be having an operation on her knee in April. Hope all goes really well for you Kylie, and look forward to seeing you back at Dog Club very soon.

Club Committee Meetings

Future dates for Club Committee meetings are May 17 and July 12. Meetings are held after training and usually run for about 1 hour. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, or if there is anything in particular you would like to be discussed at one of the Club Meetings.

Special Congratulations



Bob Giles joined our Club in 2003 and attends when he can, as he doesn't live permanently in the local area.

Bob has trained German Shepherds and worked towards his title with his dog Radar. Although Radar didn't achieve a title, Bob freely admits that usually the errors were caused by him and not his dog!

Bob has trained his new dog Dusty, for the past 2 years and she achieved her CCD Title

on 22 March this year. Her results are very impressive; 1st place at the German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Trial in December 2014; 2nd place at Werriwa All Breeds Dog Training Club in February and her title at the Brush Farm Training Club in March. A great result - well done to Dusty and Bob.



Bob Giles with
Dusty at Training
Sunday 29 March
2015

Happy Easter to all Members and their families. Don't forget to keep your dog away from chocolate - it can be toxic to our dogs.



Results Page



MILTON SHOW MUDTC FUN AGILITY JUMPING EVENT SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2015		
Place	Dog	Handler
Novice Agility – Small		
1st	Koda	Tracey Collins
Excellent Agility – Small		
1 st	Koda	Tracey Collins
Excellent Agility – Large		
1 st	Woody	Jackie Koppman
Novice Jumpers – Small		
1 st	Turbo	Rachel Swaney
2 nd	Max	Donna Garten
3 rd	Bonnie	Susan Swaney
Excellent Jumpers – Large		
1 st	Tia	Danielle Butson
2 nd	Wispa	Louise Meagher

Well done to Jackie Koffman and her Australian Kelpie Woody who competed at the ADAA Agility trial at Warilla on Saturday the 21st March and gained a qualifying score in Gamblers, Open Advanced Agility & Open Advanced Jumping.

Congratulations to Sarah Taylor's dog Razor (picture page 3) who won Best Neuter in Show at Braidwood in March, at his first Show Ring outing. Sarah said "Razor performed like a true champion on the day. Had a blast giving hugs and kisses to everyone, whether they needed it or not. He was a total relaxed boy."

If you would like your results included in the Newsletter please send details to newsletter@mudtc.org.au or let Diane know at training.



NO DOG CLUB CLASSES AT THE SHOWGROUND ON EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015. SEE YOU AGAIN ON THE 12TH ☺

