

Club Championships

The Club's annual obedience championships were held on Sunday 11 September 2011. Seventeen members took part in the Novice (President's Award) championship and eleven members in the Open (Lynne Brookes and Marion Mann Awards) championship. The Club is indebted to everyone involved in the smooth running of the day's competition and especially judges Dianne, Rosie, Jenny, Natalie and Janet, together with Stewards Danielle, Kylie, Cheryl and Janine and other club members who assisted when they had completed their events.

Thanks to Glen who cooked up a delicious BBQ lunch and to several members and their partners, who provided very tasty slices and cakes for morning tea, and salads to accompany our BBQ. Our very grateful thanks go to Jenny who organised the BBQ supplies, including picking them all up as the dawn rose!

As always there was some fantastic work by our dogs, together with the inevitable hard luck stories. A standout in Novice was the consistent high marks achieved for the restrained recall exercise, 100% of dogs ran towards their handlers when called, (although one or two then took the opportunity for a 'fun chase' - fun for the dog but not the owner!).

In Open there were some stunning runs by the dogs in the jumping event held after lunch, the speed and accuracy of the dogs was brilliant to watch. The obedience heeling patterns were of a very high standard in several dogs, and many competitors did really well in the jump/tunnel/jump/ retrieve exercise.

Results

Congratulations to everyone who took part on the day and the committee sincerely hope you are now spurred on to work even harder for next year's competition. Place getters on the day were:

Open Event – Lynne Brookes Trophy

- 1st Rosie Milton and Pac (far right in photo)
- 2nd Dianne Richmond and Lady (2nd from right)
- 3rd Natasha Backhouse and Busta (3rd from right)
- 4th Nerida Robinson and Trin (4th from right)



Novice Event

- 1st Jan Crick and Molly (photo on left)
- 2nd Jean Channon and Jack (photo on right)
- 3rd Emma Parnell and Mr Duffman (not available when photo taken)



Note: As no competitor achieved 55% of the possible 200 points the Marion Mann trophy for small dogs was not awarded this year.