

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

October 2020



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Ros Bush, Ann Butler, Rebecca Manley

TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING

Beginners / Puppies	9.00 to 10.00 am	Bitches in season are not permitted at training classes. All dogs are to remain on leash whilst at training classes unless they are doing an exercise controlled by an Instructor.
Intermediate	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Advanced	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Community Companion Dog / Novice	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Open	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Rally O (week 2 of each Term)	9.00 to 10.00 am	

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PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Welcome everyone. With a new term is starting, I look forward to seeing new faces in the crowd along with the many familiar faces I have seen around.

Last term seemed to be a little disruptive with the wet weather, let's hope the rainy days stay away from Sundays this term. I don't think we have ever had to reschedule both the introductory lecture and assessment day in the same term. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out – this is what makes me keep coming back to the club.

For those who have returned, you will see some improvements to the club. The NSW Government Community Building Partnership program helped with a contribution to the new decking between the containers. This will serve as an area to chill and relax for the instructors and members alike, with a little more added to the roofing to keep the summer sun out. The grounds are also getting some much needed attention, with new sprinklers and irrigation to help keep the trees and grass green.

Amongst the wet weather, COVID-19 and restrictions, the Club still managed to hold an Annual General Meeting, with offices bearers appointed for another year. I would like to welcome Rebecca Manley to the committee and say a fond farewell to Kathy. Kathy has been on the committee for about 15 years, and her time, effort and hard work is greatly appreciated. Thankfully Kathy isn't going far and will still be around as an instructor to help out.

If you are interested in helping at the club, please see any one of the instructors.

It will start warming up this term, so please remember to bring a bowl for water for the dogs.

Once again, remember to have fun and enjoy the term. If you have any questions please speak to any one of the friendly members in Red shirts and/or caps.

Karen Jenkins
President

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club
Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/QDDTC/>

Please follow the page as will have updates on weather, coming terms and events that may be happening at the Club.



Assessment Day Christmas barbeque

Mark this special event in your diary
Sunday 13 December

Bring the family to watch your dog go through its paces for assessment.

Share brunch with us – sausage sandwiches, cakes and cold drinks will be on sale

Raffle - heaps of hampers to be won on the day

Date: Sunday 13 December

For more information ask Committee members at Sunday morning training



Assessment Day – 27 September 2020

Thanks go to those wonderful members and friends who helped out on the day and particularly those who volunteered to Judge, set up rings and sit at the check in table as well as deal with various other responsibilities that needed to be done.

Beginners Ring 1 Judge: Zoe Tuckfield

- 1st Lou Nulley with Bowie
- 2nd Robyn Coble with Abby
- 3rd Nicole Martin with Ellie



Also passed: Melissa Hinch-Parr with Tyson

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Michael Ziebell

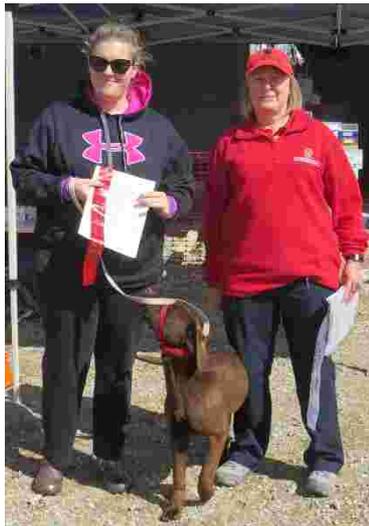
- 1st Sharon Shultz with Bonnie
- 2nd Amanda Stagg with Rusty
- 3rd Jessica Hudson with Inola



Also passed: Geoffrey McIlhoney with Marley, Bradley Prior with Frankie

Beginners Ring 3 Judge: Jan Loose

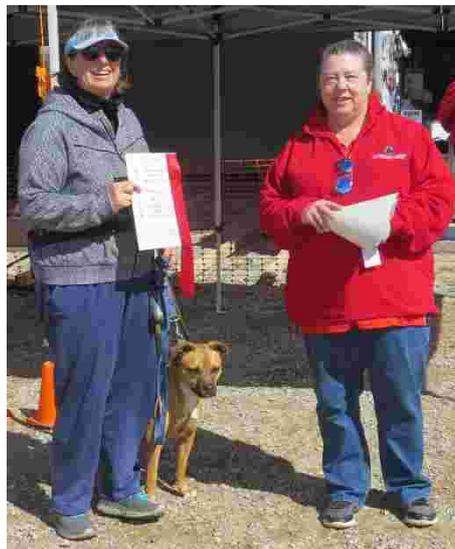
- 1st Rebecca Manley with Jindy
- 2nd Eleanor Howroyd with Milo
- 3rd Terry Jacyshyn with Boswell



Also passed: Matthew Stagg with Bundy, Christiane Weissbach with Bobby.

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Vanessa Tuckfield

- 1st Genevieve Hales-Davin with Perdy
- 2nd Marianna JB with Sandy
- 3rd Jocelyn Ho with Milo



Also passed: Laura Dawson with Stanley.

Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Kathy Griffiths

1st Margrit Sedlacek with Mia



Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Karen Jenkins

1st Jo Lester with Max

2nd Jodie Moore with Nixxy



Novice Ring 7 Judge: Anne Butler

1st Vic Grzeszkcewicz with Ace

188 / 200

**“Thank You” to our instructors and volunteers -
we could not hold classes without you**

A huge **Thank You** to all of you who volunteered to take classes this term



NOTICE BOARD

These items (and more) are on sale each Sunday Morning

- a range of equipment for your dog
- dog treats – for training rewards
- treat bags - plastic lined and with velcro tabs
- poo bag holders - fasten on to your dog's leash
- ANKC Obedience Trial Rules – pocket sized books

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED

No dogs are permitted to be off leash in the main training grounds, or in the small fenced off training area before or after classes on Sunday mornings **WITHOUT** the express permission and supervision of one of the Club instructors

Members doing specific exercises during classes are exempt

DIARY DATES - October to December

October

- 18 Sunday QDDTC Obedience Term 4 commences
29 Thursday QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

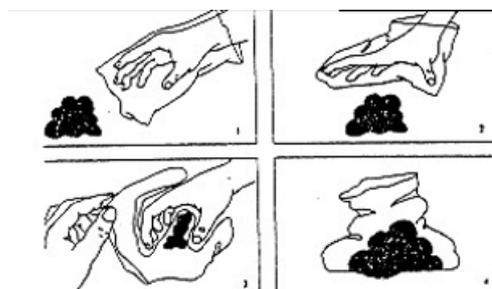
November

- 7 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club Obedience trial (evening)
26 Thursday QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

December

- 13 Sunday QDDTC Assessment Day + Christmas Break Up

SCOOP THE POOP



You are required to clean up after your dog if it defecates on Club grounds

You can be prepared, wherever you go, by arming yourself with a small plastic bag or two. Simply put your hand inside the bag, scoop up the offending pile, reverse your hand out of the bag and tie the neck of the bag. Then dispose of thoughtfully.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Your club's major fundraiser

Can you help?

Donations of nonperishable foods,
small toys and gifts to fill the hampers

Please bring your donations to the Club on Sunday mornings and any committee member will gratefully accept them or leave them in the box, where you collect your cards for class.

Here is a list of ideas that make great hamper additions

Jams & Syrups	Dog Treats & Toys
Honey & Spreads	Dog Shampoo, Leashes etc
Pickles & Chutney	Bubble bath/ bath bombs
Sweet & Savoury Sauces	Bath Oils
Oils – Olive/Flavoured	Shower Gels/Body Washes
Teas & Coffees	Calendars
Biscuits & Crackers	Tea towels & ham bags
Pretzels & Nuts	Canned goods like: Soups, desserts
Chocolates & Sweets	Little Xmas Cakes/Puddings

OR – ANYTHING CHRISTMAS

Tickets are available for selling to family and friends from your trainer or the club shop

HAMPERS will be drawn in time for Christmas on
Assessment Day - 13 December

Need more info: www.queenbeyandogs.org.au or www.facebook.com/QDDTC/

Or talk to a club volunteer (in the red shirts)

CLUB HAPPENINGS

WEATHERPROOF FLOORING AND NEW AWNING

As advised in the previous Newshound – COVID edition, the Club received funding from the NSW Government for the 2019 Community Building Partnership (CBP). The Club sought quotes and work has commenced and progressing for the Weatherproof Flooring and New Awning.



Meet the Instructor: Christiane Weissbach

Christiane has been a member of the club for 7 years and can be found instructing Intermediate and Advanced.

How long have you been training your dog(s)?

I started training my dogs after I moved to Australia, the moment I brought home my first dog, which is now almost 11 years ago.

I rescued an adult German Shepherd Dog, and at the time didn't know all that much about training, so I went to classes in Bungendore with him. He didn't much like other dogs, so this was a bit of a challenge, but I managed to get on top of the problem. I joined QDDTC seven years ago, after we got our first puppy, Kaiser, another German Shepherd. We had taken him through the usual puppy-classes at our vet and at a large pet-shop and we wanted to give him some proper training. My partner took him through all three classes, while I took our female Dobermann to training. Kaiser was not easy to train and had to repeat Advanced three times, but in the end, we even managed to complete CCD here at the club.

Right now, I am taking our most recent addition to the family, a juvenile Dobermann through classes and we just passed Beginners.

What do you like most about training your dog(s)?

Training my dogs forms a really strong bond between me and them. Not all dogs are the same, but some really love to train and to work for their owners. It creates trust, it is fun, I get to meet likeminded people, and most of all, I learn so much about my dog.

What has been the best bit of advice you've received about dog training and why?

This is difficult to answer, because I have learnt so much, but probably "Do not over-train your dog!"

When you are training, you need to always look how your dog reacts and whether he is still happy to do something. It is better to make a session short and successful rather than repeating the same thing until you are both sick of it. This also means that you should always finish your training on a high, with something you know your dog can do perfectly and then end the session with plenty of praise.

Why did you decide to be an instructor?

First of all, I wanted to give something back, because, as said before, I learnt so much after joining the club. Dog-ownership comes with a big responsibility and can sometimes be a bit of a challenge. I would really like to assist people; I have also always enjoyed instructing and tutoring and I love all dogs.

What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?

As instructors we actually try to tell people what they can do to train their dogs. Sometimes owners expect too much from their dogs too quickly. If it doesn't work and they get frustrated, the dogs can feel the frustration and instead of improving, the situation deteriorates. Having to ask an over-ambitious owner for patience is probably one of the biggest challenges.

How do you spend your time with your dog when it's not Sunday morning?

I spend a lot of time with my dog, a little bit of training every day, even if it is only to make him sit, stand and drop, and of course he has to calmly lie on his bed while I am preparing and serving his food.

He's a typical velcro-dog and is never very far from me. When I'm indoors he's inside most of the time as well, and when I am outside, he comes out with me.

Whenever I can, I take him with me for drives, we always have a few couch-cuddles during the day, and every evening we are watching TV with him sitting on my lap. Oh, did I mention, he's a Dobermann! 🐾

Meet the Instructor: Kathy Griffith

Kathy has been previously been Secretary of the Club and Committee Member and can be found instructing Beginners (Puppies).



How long have you been training your dog(s)?

The first dog I trained was Mad Max the boxer back in 1997 and I have trained another 3 boxers since then.

What do you like most about training your dog(s)?

Apart from having a well behaved dog I particularly like the special bond that develops between you and your dog when you are working together and as one.

What has been the best bit of advice you've received about dog training and why?

Always make it a positive feeling and most importantly have fun. The more you both enjoy it the more you will want to continue to do it. We all have times when we get very frustrated when things don't go well but you just need to take deep breath, calm down and try to work out what we can do to improve.

Why did you decide to be an instructor?

After I was able to pass Advanced level with Max (a miracle) I was asked if I wanted to instruct. At first I just wanted to do the course so I could learn more about training but then decided I wanted to help other people achieve a well behaved dog and enjoy them more.

What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?

I find the biggest challenge is getting the time for some one on one with each person in the class. If I think someone may need some special help I will offer time after class or if necessary find another instructor to help or provide advice. We never stop learning new things about training techniques and I enjoy observing other instructors and then trying out new things on my own dog or in my class

How do you spend your time with your dog when it's not Sunday morning?

I always take my Bobby for a walk each day. As he is getting older and slowing down these walks are taking longer and we often spend time talking to other dog walkers to give us both time to socialise. I also have a play time with him with a kong and some ropes. At 9 he is still a big puppy at heart. Now I am retired we get to spend a lot of quality time together and we are looking forward to some holidays together at the coast and some slow beach walks.