



Blacktown BARK

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All Breeds Championship Show

Laid back, enthusiastic, young, old, large or small - our two March Shows brought out the best in everyone.



President's report



The club has just held its annual Championship Shows on Sunday, 10th March, 2013. The shows were our first double shows on the same day, and it attracted a very good entry of 780 dogs.

My thanks must go to our Show Secretary, Lyn Mansfield and our Treasurer, Kevin Speed for all the hard work in organizing the event. My thanks must also go to my hard working committee who rolled up their sleeves and helped in setting up the rings, and preparing the grounds and helping out on the day, where needed.

A big thank you to Barb McKittrick, Peter Guenther, Jan Baker, Lyn Mansfield and also Ian Olsen who mowed all the rings. Thank you Betty Stepkovitch who sold raffle tickets during the day raising a huge amount of money for our club.

I would like to congratulate Kathie Minton, Mark Bailey, Tracey Lindsay, along with Vicki Gresser who did really well at the Sydney Royal Obedience Trial. Well done guys!

Members would have noticed the grounds' new lighting installed recently. It certainly makes a difference. This was long overdue and will certainly help with the evening events scheduled for our grounds.

Our next big event will be our Obedience Trial on Sunday 23rd June 2013.

So practice and get ready to trial your dogs at this event. Talk to your instructor and they will point you in the right direction to help you enter.

Jan Baker is still looking for people to instruct on Tuesday nights. If you would like to help, Jan will be very grateful.

Regards
Ron Probert

Important dates 2013

GENERAL DATES & TRIALS

June	23	Obedience Trial & Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs
July	27	Interclub Challenge
September	21	Obedience Trial
	22	Rally O Trial
December	3	Last training night for the year
	10	Christmas Party/Presentation Night

GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are welcome at the Club's general meeting and supper on the second Wednesday of alternate months. We start at 8pm.

April	3	General Meeting
May	1	Committee Meeting
June	5	General Meeting
July	3	Committee Meeting
August	7	General Meeting
September	4	Committee Meeting
October	2	General Meeting
November	6	Committee Meeting
December	4	General Meeting



NEW BEGINNERS

are generally welcomed on the first Tuesday of the month

April	2	New beginners orientation night
May		NO new beginners in May
June	4	New beginners orientation night
July	2	New beginners orientation night
August	6	New beginners orientation night
September	3	New beginners orientation night
October	1	New beginners orientation night
November	5	New beginners orientation night
December		No new beginners in December

How to enjoy a trial ... the Trudy Dive way



Come on who
is going out to
fetch the toy.

In February we head south for several back to back trials. My husband, Ken and I have a great two weeks staying at Wallaghi Lakes Caravan Park. We travelled with 6 dogs: 5 Koolies and Ratty, a 14 year old terrier cross who doesn't act it.

Ruthie and Roxie were entered in six obedience trials at Open level. That is 12 runs in the rings. We also had entered Rally O with three dogs Roxie, Ruthie and Calypso. That was 6 runs in the rings. I was going to be very busy. Ken stewards in the rings each day so I had to look after the 6 dogs plus get into the rings on time with all the dogs.

Bega Valley Kennel & Obedience Club put on the first three trials.

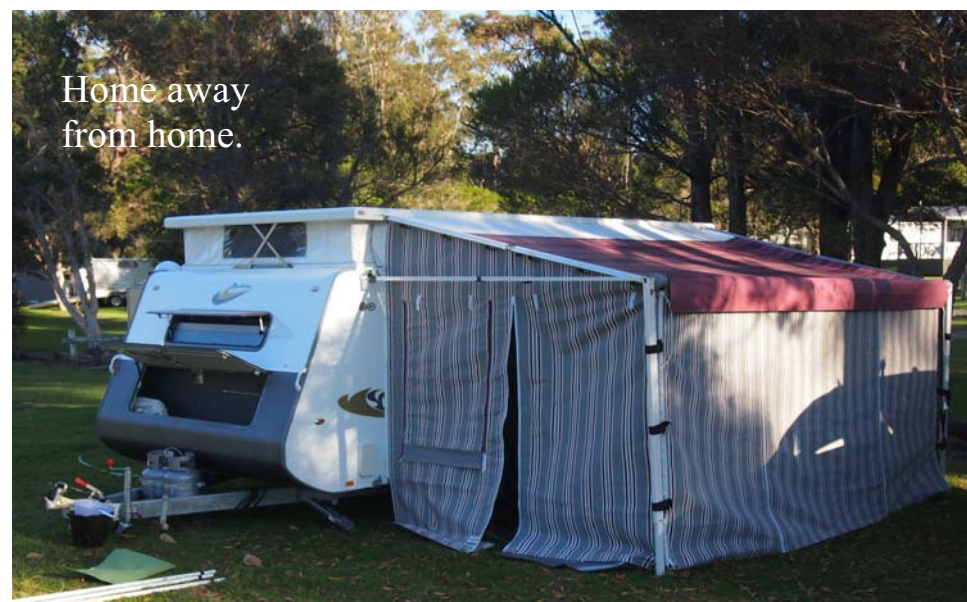
9th February

Ruthie worked very well got a score of 192 and 3rd place
Roxie did a very good time and got a 4th with 187 in the ring.

10th February

A very early start, after a very late night trial. Ruthie worked well again with a score of 184 and a 4th.

Roxie was working well then fouled the ring -10 but we still had enough points to keep going. Ken had to take Roxie in to the stays as I had two dogs and I can only take one at a time. Roxie was a bit tired and as Ken stepped back she went down in the sit stays...



Home away
from home.

11th February

We had a Victorian judge I had never been under in all the years I've been trialling. The girls worked well but the scores did not show that.

13th February

Rally O. I had three in the ring - Calypso was in Novice. Ruthie and Roxie were in Advanced A, I was going to be busy - again. Calypso was first in the ring, she did a good run and came away with a score of 86.

Next was Ruthie. I did a few wrong things but we got a pass with 72. Roxie was next with a score of 78. Three entries and three passes - great!

So it was off to the beach for a play in the surf. Koolies just love water, and our 5 are no exception - though still learning about the surf. We found a lot of beaches that are dog friendly and the waves had them miffed but they soon worked out how to surf in on them.

15th February

Sapphire Coast Kennel & Obedience Club - another great trial, we had two Open trials. Roxie got 180, and Ruthie got 192 and 4th.

16th February

Obedience plus Rally O = 5 trials. Ruthie was first in the Obedience ring. I think she was getting tired, and a score of 180 and 4th. Roxie worked a bit better and got 181 and a 3rd. We then started on Rally O. Calypso was first in Novice. We worked well with a score of 91, and Calypso's title. Ruthie got a pass 81. Roxie was not well and fouled in the ring, so no score.

17th February

Warm but there was a nice breeze blowing. Ruthie was slowing down but still got a score of 178. Roxie was feeling her age she turned 10 that day. She had a cut on her foot and did the heeling on three legs. We did not get enough points to keep going.

So Ruthie had a blinder, 6 Obedience trials 5 passes. Two Rally O Advanced trials and two passes. Roxie 3 Obedience passes 1 Rally O Advanced. Calypso two Rally O Novice trials and two passes and title.



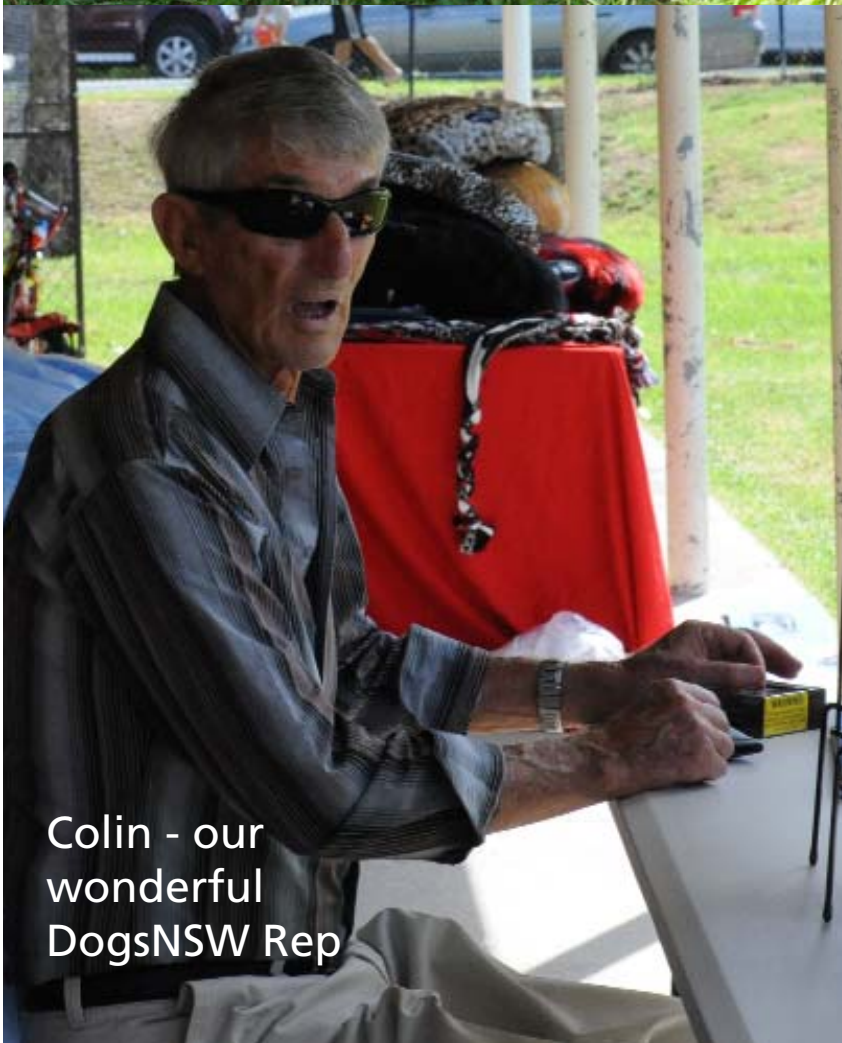
All Breeds Championship Show

780 wonderful dogs on a hot, sunny day



Judging by the smiles on all the faces - human and dogs - a good time was had by all. Thanks Lyn Mansfield for all the organising and Sandra Gluck for the pictures that speak more than words.





Colin - our
wonderful
DogsNSW Rep





Are you poisoning your dog?

Foods that we love can be deadly for our dogs.

Chocolate

When affected by an overdose of chocolate, a dog can become excited and hyperactive. Because of the diuretic effect, it may pass a lot of urine and it will be unusually thirsty. Vomiting and diarrhoea are also common. The effect of theobromine (a chemical in chocolate) on the heart is the most dangerous effect. Theobromine will either increase the dog's heart rate or may cause the heart to beat irregularly. Death is quite possible, especially with exercise.

After the dog has eaten a large quantity of chocolate, many dog owners assume their pet is unaffected. However, they may not look sick for several hours, with death following within twenty-four hours.



Onions

Onions (and garlic) contain the toxic ingredient thiosulphate. Dogs affected by onion toxicity will develop haemolytic anaemia, where the pet's red blood cells burst while circulating in its body.

At first, pets affected by onion poisoning show gastroenteritis with vomiting and diarrhoea. They will show no interest in food and will be dull and weak. The red pigment from the burst blood cells appears in their urine and the dog becomes breathless. The breathlessness occurs because the red blood cells that carry oxygen through the body are reduced in number.

The poisoning occurs a few days after the pet has eaten the onion. Left over pizza, Chinese dishes and commercial baby food containing onion, sometimes fed as a supplement to young dogs, can cause illness.



Macadamia nuts

Macadamia nuts cause locomotory problems. Dogs develop a tremor of the skeletal muscles, and weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters. Affected dogs are often unable to rise and are distressed, usually panting. Some affected dogs have swollen and painful limbs.



Grapes and Raisins

The cause of the toxicity is still not fully understood but the effects are well known.

Within a few hours of eating grapes or raisins, affected dogs will usually vomit and will be lethargic. They may develop diarrhoea and start to drink a lot of water. Partially digested grapes or raisins are sometimes seen in the dog's vomit.

Grape and raisin toxicity can cause kidney failure which can be fatal.

Fat

Large quantities of fat is no good for us humans or our dogs.

The fat from a ham, chop or steak can cause pets to suffer from pancreatitis that can prove deadly as the pancreas shuts down.





Promotions

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Jenny Worth & "Toby"
Brett & "Molly"
Heather Hanly & "Meeka"
Nada Ljoljk & "Medo"
Irene Kitcheman & "Zara"
Janelle Sharp & "Rogue"
Bev & "Buddy" X3
Amanda Fleitas & "Charlie"
Michael & "Rocky"
Clint Kidner & "Tilly"
Carol & "Sol" X2
Peter Guenther & "Andy"
Kirsten & "Charlie" X2
Tony Banister & "Kira"
Dorothy & "Rocco"
Sarah & "Sasha"
Suzanne Geddes & "April"
Steve Ward & "Kaiser"
Terrie & "Buddy" X3
Jett & Dann & "Diesel"
Keah Bordones & "Chelsea"
Marilou Van Asten & "Princess"
Shane & "Be Jay"
Henri & "Yogi"
Kerry-Anne Brown & "Ellie"
Martin & "Blinky"
Greg Hill & "Raffaello"
Amanda Falle & "Toovey"
Debbie Mortmer & "Jazz"
Chris Burston & "Tilly"
Kathleen Lamb & "Wicked" X3
Ryan & "Swag"
Carly & "Diesel"
Karina Brewin & "Skyler"
Les Bowman & "Wolf"
Jennifer & "Wilson"
Lawrence & "Kingsley"
Nikki & "Trevor" X2
Melissa Hunt & "Franklin"
Karma Rowe & "Gina" X2
Sabine Bischof & "Maddie"
Maureen Gawthorne & "Thai"
Heather Hanly & "Meeka"
Christine Ward & "Kaiser"
Maria Saunders & "Tetley"
Craig & "Bohdi"
Wayne Burgess & "Alice"
Louise & "Quinn"
Shane & Amy & "Bjay"
Norman Cook & "Lexi"
Sarah & "Princess"
John Gilhooly & "Loki" X2
Tracey Cook & "Sydney"
Kate Benden & "Annie"
Lorraine Baldwin & "Chelsea"
David Whittaker & "Sammy"
Justin & "Digger"

Bone award



AND THIS WINNER IS:-
SHANE & AMY & "BJAY"



Q: How do you identify a dog who is not likely to win the Bone Award?
A: Take a look at your bed!

WHITE to ORANGE

26/2 Nathan & Melanie & "Eddie"
12/3 Shane & "Bejay"
19/3 Clint & "Tilly"
19/3 Lisa & "Vinnie"
19/3 Damien & "Rocco"
19/3 Therese & "Rocco"
19/3 Jennifer & "Adam"
19/3 Karen & "Maximus"
19/3 Amanda & "Charlie"
19/3 Kevin & Darius & "Rjay"
19/3 Melissa & "Franklin"
19/3 Sarah & "Princess"
19/3 Alisha & Alex & "Simba"
19/3 Jordon & "Bundy"
19/3 Kerry-Anne & "Ellie"
19/3 Michael & "Chloe"

ORANGE to GREEN

12/3 Terrie & "Buddy"
12/3 Lorraine & "Chelsea"
12/3 John & "Loki"
12/3 Tracey & Norman & "Lexi"
19/3 Heather & "Meeka"
19/3 Darren & "Buddy"
19/3 Eric & "Noah"

ORANGE to BLUE

26/2 John & Jack

GREEN to BLUE

26/2 Steve & "Siera"
26/2 Sabine & "Maddie"
12/3 Paulene & "Halo"
12/3 Cassandra & "Beau"
12/3 Marilou & "Princess"
12/3 Suzanne & "April"
19/3 Maureen & "Thai"
19/3 Tony & Karma & "Gina"
26/3 Brad & "Soul"
26/3 Justine & "Digger"

BLUE to YELLOW

12/2 Donna & "Flynn"
12/2 Faye & "Inca"
12/3 Nikki & "Trevor"
12/3 Anthony & "Toffee"
12/3 Henry & "Yogi"
19/3 Brett & "Molly"
19/3 Marina & "Slivka"
26/3 Sabine & "Maddie"
26/3 Janelle & "Rogue"

Trial results



Lovalab Royal Duke. CD. RN. "Duke"
2/2/2013 Penrith Kennel & Obed.
Judge: Mrs. L. Dibbin 177 points in Novice.
This gave Duke his CD Title.

Lovalab Royal Rosie. "Rosie"
22/3/2013 Sydney Royal Easter Show
Judge: Mrs. P. Biesel-McIlwaine USA
First place in Intermediate Bitch Class (Labrador Retrievers)

And at Hornsby Obedience Trial we hear that the ever low key Blacktown members Cheryl, Cathy, Steve and Fay were placed first in the 2 UD and Open rings and 3rd in Novice.
Congratulations - we're proud of you!



BLACKTOWN KENNEL & TRAINING CLUB INC

POINT SCORE COMPETITION

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES

Each year the Club has a point score and achievement award open to all obedience dogs who have competed in trials. If you qualify in accordance with the scores listed below, please send results to:

THE TRIAL SECRETARY, Jan Probert: 16 Sylvia Street, Blacktown NSW 2148

All results MUST be received by 31st October. Entry forms are on the opposite page.

To qualify, all passes must be obtained between 1st November of the preceding year up to 31st October of the current year.

ALSO: THE CLUB AWARDS A TROPHY* FOR ANY TITLE GAINED DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR FOR BREED AND OBEDIENCE. THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

IMPORTANT* In order to be eligible for a Club Trophy for Breed and Obedience titles, you must attend training classes at least 50% of the year or attempt to assist the Club in other ways, ie stewarding. Those who don't meet these requirements will only be awarded a trophy at the discretion of the Committee.

The Club also awards Gold, Silver or Bronze Medallions for Point Scores. Current requirements are as follows:

SCORE		TOTAL	MEDAL	
C.C.D.	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 80	240 to 254	BRONZE	<i>Best THREE</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 85	255 to 269	SILVER	<i>results only</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 90	270 to 300	GOLD	<i>will apply</i>
NOVICE	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 175	525 to 539	BRONZE	<i>Best THREE</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 180	540 to 554	SILVER	<i>results only</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 185	555 to 600	GOLD	<i>will apply</i>
OPEN	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 175	1225 to 1259	BRONZE	<i>Best SEVEN</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 180	1260 to 1294	SILVER	<i>results only</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 185	1295 to 1400	GOLD	<i>will apply</i>
U.D.	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 175	875 to 899	BRONZE	<i>Best FIVE</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 180	900 to 924	SILVER	<i>results only</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 185	925 to 1000	GOLD	<i>will apply</i>
U.D.X.	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 175	525 to 539	BRONZE	<i>Best THREE</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 180	540 to 554	SILVER	<i>results only</i>
	MIN. AVERAGE SCORE 185	555 to 600	GOLD	<i>will apply</i>

THIS COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL DOGS OF BOTH REGISTERS

TITLES GAINED AND POINT SCORE COMPETITION.

For titles gained between the 1st November of the preceding year and 31st October of the current year:

TITLE GAINED: i.e. Community Companion Dog, Novice, Open, U.D., Tracking, Agility, Jumping, Novice & Open GWT, Australian Championship, Obedience Champion Title, Endurance Title, etc.....

_____ Title gained throughout the year _____ Date Title Gained.

_____ Registered Name of dog and current title (i.e. C.D. etc.)

MEMBER'S NAME AND REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTCODE: _____

PHONE: _____

POINT SCORE COMPETITION

IF THE ABOVE TITLE WAS AN OBEDIENCE TITLE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING RESULT SHEET FOR THE POINT SCORE.
Remember the best of three results for CCD, Novice & UDX, the best of seven results for Open and the best of five results for Utility.

DOGS NAME	TRIAL	DATE OF TRIAL	PLACE IN TRIAL	POINTS ATTAINED	Please tick the Trial at which title was gained	OFFICE USE ONLY
	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
	4.					
	5.					
	6.					
	7.					

* A Separate entry form must be filled out for every title gained in one year. Results to be posted to: The Trial Secretary, 16 Sylvia Street, Blacktown NSW 2148
OR handed to The President, Chief Instructor or Trial Secretary at Tuesday Night Training. THE RULES OF THIS COMPETITION ARE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE

Training Ground Rules Tuesday night

- ✓ Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training.
There have been some incidents of dogs slipping their collars or simply snapping their leads.
If you have any questions talk to your Instructor. They are there to help you.
- ✓ Dogs MUST be kept on a lead at ALL TIMES unless your Instructor instructs otherwise.
This is for your safety, as well as others.
- ✓ Please clean up after your dog. Keep one or two doggy bags in your pocket just in case.
Doggy bags can be obtained at the canteen.
- ✓ Keep the equipment clean - make sure your dog does not urinate on the witches hats used for class assembly at training.
- ✓ Bitches in Season are NOT allowed on the grounds.
Please leave the girls at home for the duration of the season as it upsets the male dogs.



Canteen service for you & your dog

A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training. We offer everything from a hot cuppa to chips, lollies and drinks.

There are even treats for your dogs. We also sell leads and Collars. Check chains & soft collars. Come and meet Jan and Ian who run the canteen. They are friendly and will help you with anything you would like to buy. Also any Information you want to know. So before or after training come and say hello.



Got any thoughts about how we can make our Club better? Drop a note in the box at the Canteen or tell the guys there what you think! All suggestions are welcome! (well ... almost all)

2012-2013 Office Bearers & Committee

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President	Ron Probert 9622 1783
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Show Secretary	Lyn Mansfield 9624 7776
Trial Secretary	Jan Probert 9622 1783

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Linda Olsen, Barbara McKittrick, Betty Stepkovitch, John Clifton, Ossie Valseschini

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Send your contributions to the Editor or hand it in to Jan, Ian or Fiona at the canteen on training nights.

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