



Blacktown BARK

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INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

Each year Metropolitan and near country dog clubs, as well as breed clubs, come together to compete to see who is the best in Obedience training. This year we entered 5 teams - and came 1st, 2nd, 6th, 9th and 20th. Brilliant job guys!



1st Place Winners TAIL BLAZERS: l to r: Mark Bailey (CCD & Open) Pat Bailey (Open) Maryanne Fazekas (Blacktown Teams Manager) Diana Corben (UD) Margaret Foord (Novice) with Ron Probert (President)



2nd place winners THE WOLF PACK: Marion Garnham (Open) Margaret Foord (Novice) Mark Bailey (UD) Rhiannon Coulton (CCD) Sheryl Lindsay (Open) (not pictured)

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 the Team, there is Jan, Ian, Rika & Sylvia. They are friendly and helpful 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)

important dates 2014

2 September	New beginners orientation night	5 November	Committee Meeting
3 September	Committee Meeting	2 December	No new beginners in December
20 September	Obedience Trial	3 December	General Meeting
21 September	Double Rally O Trial	9 December	Last night of training
1 October	General Meeting	16 December	Christmas Party/Presentation Night
7 October	New beginners orientation night		
4 November	New beginners orientation night	25 December	<i>Christmas Day</i>

2014 club office officials & committee

Club Officials

President	Ron Probert
Vice Presidents	Ian Olsen Peter Guenther
Secretary	Heather Hanly
Assistant Secretary	Trudy Dive
Treasurer	Kevin Speed
Chief Instructor	Jan Baker
Deputy Chief Instructor	Steve Thompson
Ground Supervisor	Ossie Valseschini
Ground Secretary	Jan Probert

Publicity Officer
Show Secretary
Trial Secretary

Ngaire Chant
Lyn Mansfield
Jan Probert

Committee

Linda Olsen, Barbara McKittrick, Betty Stepkovitch, Allen Hall

Auditor

Vanja Neus

Life Members

Clr. R. Dickens, G. Petra, S. Rose, Ron Probert, Jan Probert, Ian Olsen, Peter Guenther

president's report



The Interclub Challenge was held on Saturday, 26th July at Castle Hill Showground. There were 31 teams entered and I was so proud of the Blacktown members who did so well at this prestigious event.

- In 1st place was our Tail Blazer team on 18 points.
- In 2nd place was our Wolf Pack team on 23 points.
- In 6th place was our Deputy Dawgs team on 34 points.
- In 9th place was our Martinis team on 38 points.
- In 20th place was our Silent Assassins on 51 points.



Congratulations to the winning teams, it was a great effort. We have won this event 9 times since it was started in 1995 by Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club Inc.

Plans are well underway for our Obedience Trial and two Rally O Trials on Saturday, 20th & Sunday the 21st September, 2014. We are looking for members who can come along and help on either day, either on the BBQ stall or stewarding in the rings. So please come and see me or Jan in the canteen, and let us know if you can help. Lunch will be provided for all helpers on both days.

Our AGM is fast approaching and if you would like to be an active member of the committee we would welcome you to come along. There are plenty of positions available and I would like to see some new faces and get some new people to be involved in running this great club. As always, I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work throughout the year. If elected, I look forward to the coming financial year as your President.

PAST WINNERS OF OBEDIENCE INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

1995	Dobermann Club of NSW	2005	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
1996	Dobermann Club of NSW	2006	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
1997	Hills District Kennel & Training Club	2007	Western Suburbs Dog Training Club.
1998	Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club	2008	Hills District Kennel & Training Club
1999	Hills District Kennel & Training Club	2009	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
2000	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club	2010	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
2001	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club	2011	Hills District Kennel & Training Club
2002	Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club	2012	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
2003	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club	2013	Hills District Kennel & Training Club
2004	Hills District Kennel & Training Club	2014	Blacktown Kennel & Training Club

June Obedience Trial

A beautiful sunny day welcomed triallers to another successful event. Here are some of hte exercises to master on your way to being a Champion.



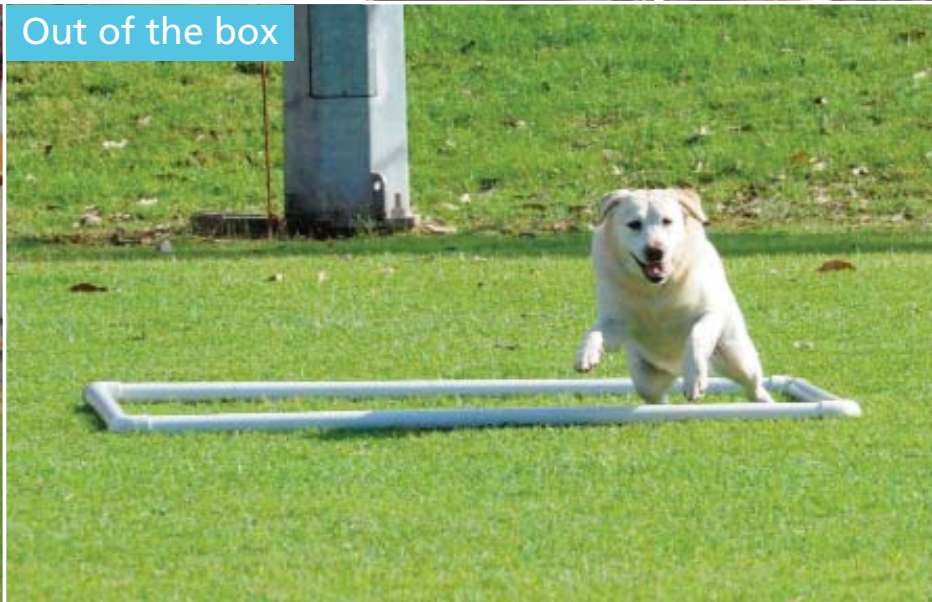
Please talk to Ron or Jan (in the Canteen) if you have a few hours to help with our next Trial on the **Saturday 20 and/or Sunday 21 September.**
We would love to see you there.



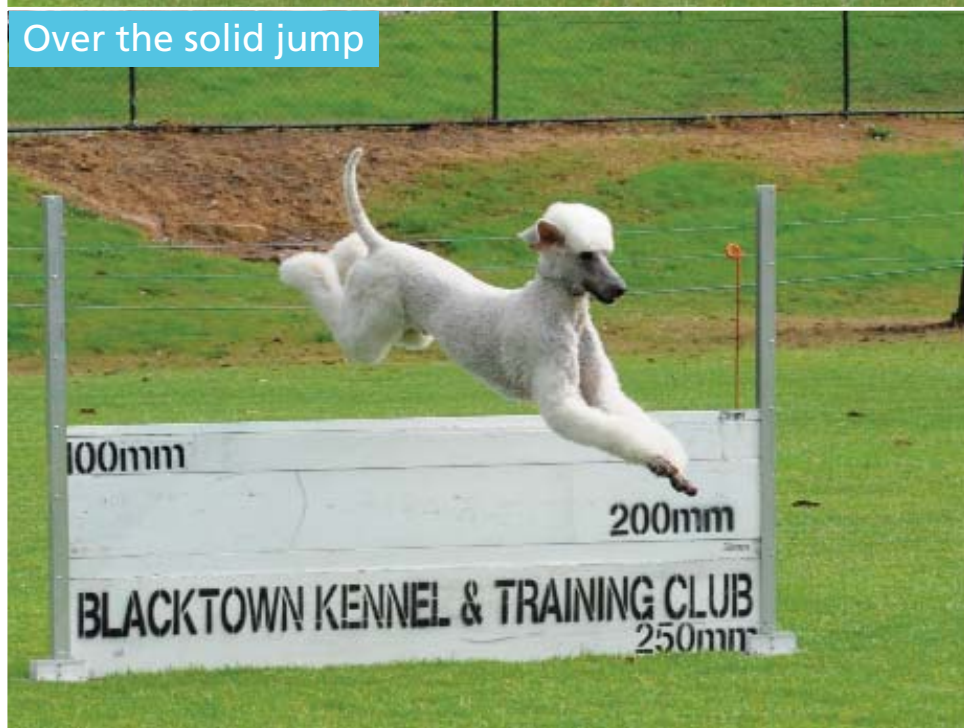
Over the broad jump



Out of the box



Over the solid jump



Stand for examination

... and back



The long down

Over the bar jump



... and the winners take home great prizes

The judges and some of our winners



Retrieving Ability Test For Gundogs (RATG)

The RATG is open to both registered and associate gundogs. It is a test of basic retrieving ability.



From the good people at Purina

Positive ways to train dogs



Training is an important part of any dog's life, as it provides mental and physical exercise while enhancing the bond you have with your dog. When training your dog it's important to use reward training, often called "positive reinforcement", this involves rewarding your dog for the good behaviour they have demonstrated.

Reward training has long been recognised as both a highly effective and a positive experience for the dog. You can reward your dog in the form of a tasty food treat or verbal praise such as "good dog!" Reward-based training also involves ignoring any unwanted behaviour like begging for food at the dinner table. This indicates to the dog that unwanted behaviour does not get your attention.

If you react to 'unwanted' behaviour by yelling, getting angry or picking them up, this will inadvertently encourage the behaviour as these are forms of attention, and attention reinforces the undesired behaviour. For some dogs, any form of attention or type of reaction from their owner is better than no reaction at all.

So to help you and your dog become the envy of the dog park, follow our tips to teaching your dog new tricks and good behaviour. And remember to keep your training sessions short and end them on a positive note!

Teach your dog to "SIT"

- ✓ Choose a quiet place with minimal distractions.
- ✓ Hold a tasty treat in your hand just above your dog's nose.
- ✓ Say nothing and then slowly move your hand with the treat between your dog's ears and you will see their bottom move towards the ground.
- ✓ As soon as their bottom reaches the floor say "SIT" and give them the tasty treat.
- ✓ Once you have given the treat, tell them they are a good dog.
- ✓ Repeat this several times and then finish the training session with your dog's favourite game.

Teach your dog to lie "DOWN"

- ✓ Choose a quiet place with minimal distractions.
- ✓ Ask your dog to sit, using the tip above.
- ✓ Hold a tasty treat in your hand just near their nose, then slowly move your hand down to the floor between their front paws. This hand motion will become the signal for your dog to lie "DOWN" or "DROP".
- ✓ Lure your dog to the ground by moving the treat along the floor from between their legs to out in front of them.
- ✓ As soon as your dog is laying on the floor say "DOWN" or "DROP" and give them a tasty treat.
- ✓ Once you have given the treat, tell them they are a good dog.
- ✓ Some dogs will not like to lie down so be patient, this will happen over time.
- ✓ Repeat this several times and end the training session with your dogs favourite game.

Teach your dog to "LEAVE" it

- ✓ Choose a quiet place with minimal distractions.
- ✓ Hold a tasty treat in your hand.
- ✓ Show the treat to your dog but don't allow them to have it.
- ✓ Wait for them to stop pawing or nuzzling your hand for the treat.
- ✓ As soon as they stop to look at you and not the treat say the words "LEAVE IT".
- ✓ When you have their attention and they're no longer focused on the treat, say the words "TAKE IT" or "OK" and give them the tasty treat.
- ✓ Once you have given the treat, tell them they are a good dog.
- ✓ Repeat this several times and end the training session with your dogs favourite game.

From the good people at Purina

Desexing your dog

The decision to de-sex is one of the most significant aspects of pet care an owner can provide. This is permanent and the procedure cannot be reversed. De-sexing is ideally performed while the dog is still a puppy and if female, prior to their first heat cycle.

When a female dog (bitch) is de-sexed it is referred to as spaying and involves the removal of the uterus and ovaries. Despite being considered a routine surgery for vets, it is a major surgery and usually requires hospitalisation.

De-sexing of a male dog is referred to as castration. It is a shorter operation that involves the surgical removal of the testicles. Unless you breed pedigree pets professionally, it is a responsible act of pet ownership to have your puppy de-sexed.

Advantages of spaying female dogs

De-sexing female dogs reduces unwanted pregnancies that result in thousands of unwanted dogs and puppies being put to sleep in shelters. It also stops male dogs roaming the streets looking for a bitch on heat as the females will no longer cycle and no longer have messy bleeding. Female dogs are less aggressive and more manageable with regards to training and temperament and become more affectionate, playful and relaxed.

Spaying the bitch before her first cycle is proven to reduce the risk of mammary and ovarian tumours and reduce the risk of infections.

The advantages of neutering male dogs

Castrating a male is equally important. Castration reduces the aggressive impulses of males who tend to mark their territory with urine, roam long distances looking for females in season and are more likely to be injured from fighting and road traffic accidents.

De-sexing the male reduces the risk of testicular cancer, and the dog is less likely to suffer complications associated with the prostate, including cancer, infections or enlargement and hernias.

Weight gain

Some people are reluctant to de-sex their dogs because they think it causes weight gain. Spaying and castrating does not directly cause dogs to gain weight and will not normally affect their activity levels. If your dog does gain weight after the operation, simply reduce the amount of food in each meal and increase activity levels. Before and after the operation

After the operation you will need to keep your dog quiet and prevent any physical activity such as jumping or play fighting that may cause the wound to breakdown. Often vets will provide you with an Elizabethan 'E' collar, to prevent them from licking or biting at the stitches. Excessive activity can lead to swelling or fluid accumulation under the incision.

Complications

Complications are very unusual, however they can include the pet pulling the stitches out, swelling and inflammation around the incision and pain. Spaying is considered a major surgery as the abdomen is opened and has a higher risk of haemorrhage in comparison to male castration. All animals are anaesthetised for the procedure and this has its own inherent risks. All of which your vet can discuss with you prior to the operation.

Desexing your dog can help to prevent the increasing number of unwanted dogs put down every year in Australia.



Jan Dixon Results



Yogi Golden Retriever – Obedience GRAND Champion Euraid One Night Stand CCD UDX RA NRA.

Yogi is owned by Jan Dixon & Louise Patterson and trained by Louise up in Queensland.

There is probably not a “Bark” that gets printed without a mention of Yogi. Below are his latest acheivements.

5/7/14 – Caboolture Sports Dog Obedience (Qld)

Rally O

Advanced B	Judge Mrs C Fisher – 92 pts
Excellent B	Judge Mr J Baumann – 87 pts
UDX	Judge Mr W Patterson – 185 pts

6/7/14 – Metropolitan Dog Obedience Club (Qld) double Rally O trials

1st trial	
Advanced B	Judge Ms L Theile - 97 pts – 1st place
Excellent B	Judge Mr D Strong - 95 pts – 3rd place

2nd trial

Advanced B	Judge Mrs C Fisher - 89 pts – 3rd place
Excellent B	Judge Ms L Theile – 97 pts – 1st place

Len Amos Results



DYKINTA BRANDY SNAP
CDX NRA
GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Pictured 22.6.14 at the
Blacktown K & T Club
with Judge Sue Turner
Open RATG
78 Points - 3rd place



Promotions

WHITE TO ORANGE

8/7	Danielle & “Mia”
8/7	Scott & “Max”
8/7	Jason & “Zeus”
8/7	Paul & “Benson”
8/7	Mark & “Slater”
8/7	Ingrid & “Lucy”
8/7	Omar & “Max”
8/7	Mitchell & Natalie & “Tytan”
8/7	Lisa & “Koda”
8/7	Dianne & “Penny”
8/7	Shirleenta & “Coach”
8/7	Mark & Ivanna & “Ebony”
8/7	Kim & Paul & “Rumie” & “Tilly”
8/7	Mirajozel & “Timmy”
15/7	James & “Bonnie”

ORANGE TO GREEN

1/7	Grahame & “Ollie”
1/7	Rebecca & “Flynn”
1/7	Phyllis & “Lucy”

GREEN TO BLUE

3/6	Priscilla & “ruby”
3/6	Nicoline & “Nimble”
3/6	Jacquie & “Lexi”
3/6	Ashleigh & “Bear”
3/6	Anil & “Oscar”
17/6	Len & “Daisy”
29/7	Georgia & “Charlie”
29/7	Salih & “Valkan”

BLUE TO YELLOW

3/6	Caraline & “Darcy”
8/7	Simone & “Minion”
8/7	Kirsten & “Charlie”
8/7	John & “Ruby”

YELLOW TO RED

3/6	John & “Loki”
3/6	Heather & “Meeka”



bone awards

MAY

Chris & "Max"
 Anita Batistic & "Barney Rubble" X2
 Madelin & "Denis"
 Rhonda Beach & "Abbie"
 Anne & "Bobbie"
 Dirsten & "Charlie"
 Peter Guenther & "Andy"
 Marilou & "Princess"
 Rebecca Pandelis & "Diva"
 Danielle & "Demi"
 Jodie Hill & "Picasso"
 Rachel & "Bonnie"
 Amanda & "Luna"
 Leanne & "Lily"
 Simone & "Minion" X2
 Rauveet Kaly & "Snoopy"
 Ashleigh Toscano & "Bear" X2
 Marilyn & "Bodri"
 John & "Hulk"
 Bev Bennett & "Maddie"
 Emma & "Jack"

Anil Deo & "Oscar"
 Monica & "Ollie"
 Denis Andic & "Pasha"
 Ray Khan & "Duke"
 Priscilla & "Ruby"
 Rhonda Beach & "Abbie" X2
 Kristyne Jewell & "Lila"
 Louise & "Diamond"
 Bev & "Rufus"
 Steve & "Nucky"
 Georgio & "Charlie" X2
 Rae & "Spice"
 Francis & "Choko"
 Darren & "Buddy"
 SuzanneGaddes & "April"
 Brad & "Soul"
 Toni & "Bella"
 Andrea & "Nugget"
 John & "Jessie"
 Danielle & "Demi"
 Satyam Roy & "Rex"
 Rebecca & "Flynn"
 Christine Ward & "Kaiser"
 Andra Hemmings & "Dash"
 Caraline & "Darcy"
 Darren & "Buddy"
 Tyler Walzak & "Mercedez"
 Nick Breeze & "Pepa"
 Rebecca & "Riley"
 Isabelle Boyd & "Lulu"
 Bev & "Rufus"
 Heather Hanly & "Meeka"
 Matthew Dickinson & "Kaiser"
 Peter Abbey & "Lulu"
 Johyn & "Ruby"
 Alroy & "Max"
 Greg & "Boo Boo"
 Rachel & "Bonnie"
 Boof & "Belinda"

AND THE WINNER IS
ASHLEIGH TOSCANO & "BEAR"

INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH
 OF MAY IS
LINDA OLSEN.

JUNE

Kirsten & "Charlie"
 Salih Aydin & "Volkan"
 Ashleigh Toscano & "Bear" X2
 Simone & "Minion" X2
 Ivanna Zaknich & "Ebony"
 Natalie Labeck & "Tytan"
 Rachel & "Bonnie" X2
 Mark Richards & "Slater"
 Rae & "Spice"
 Steve Ward & "Kaiser"
 Susan & "Indy" X2
 Peter Guenther & "Andy" X2
 Grahame Nightingale & "Ollie"
 Slavica & "Ellie"
 Thomas & "Rex" X2
 Rebecca & "Flynn"
 Les & "Wolf"
 Xanthe Barker & "Sookie"
 Louise & "Diamond"
 Danielle & "Mia" X2
 Nicoline Kronast & "Nimble"
 Shanon Bowman & "Axel"
 Steve & "Nicky"
 Shirleenta Hunter & "Coach" X2
 Lindy Pettit & "Ruby" X2
 Caraline & "Darcy"
 John & "Ruby" X3
 Omar Obaidi & "Max"
 Karen Kelso & "Mason"
 Madelin & "Dennis"
 Bev & "Rufus"
 Kathleen Fitzgerald & "Sunny"
 Darren & "Buddy"
 Georgia & "Charlie"
 Mitch & "Tytan"
 Paul Haywood & "Benson" X2
 Kim & "Tilly"
 Paul & "Rumie"
 P. Cooper & "Lucy"
 Scott Smith & "Max"
 Anthony & "Toffee"
 Jason Ciappara & "Zeus"
 Lisa Brooks & "Koda"
 Dianne & "Penny"
 Jacquie Dixon & "Lexie"
 Danielle & "Demi"
 Peter & "Cooper"
 Mylene & "Chocko"
 Eleanor Doherty & "Tilly"
 Ingrid Akkari & "Lucy"
 Mark Richards & "Slater"
 Cassandra & "Beau"
 Janelle Sharp & "Rogue"

AND THE WINNER IS:-
DIANNE & "PENNY"

INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH OF
 JUNE IS
BARB MCKITTRICK



"Working Dog"



Please join us at our Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse 8pm Wednesday 1 October.
Free supper and good times assured.

Inner Peace



If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
Then you are probably the family dog!



And you thought I was going to get all spiritual.

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

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