



# Blacktown BARK

Official publication of the Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc.:Affiliated with Dogs NSW :June 2017

***JUNE 25 IS THE DATE OF OUR OBEDIENCE TRIAL !***



***BIG THANKS TO ALL  
WHO VOLUNTEERED***

## PRESIDENTS REPORT – MAY, 2017

I would like to thank all the members who have wished Jan a speedy recovery after breaking her right arm on our recent holiday on board the Explorer of the Seas. Jan has now had reconstructive surgery with a plate and 11 pins and is now on the road to recovery.

On a disappointing note, I am continuing to argue with Blacktown Council over our grounds which will see our training grounds moved to behind the car park. This will cause problems with operating out of the building that is back to front. The animal holding facility will be right in front of the existing club house. I have constantly complained about the closeness of the animal holding facility and our concerns about air born viruses that the holding facility will bring, let alone the noise of barking dogs whilst training. I will keep members posted with what is happening.

Our obedience trial will be held on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. I'm looking for help on the day with ring stewards and people to help on the bar-be-que stall. So please put your name down on Tuesday night training if you can come along and help.

I also welcome three new Instructors, who are training at present, Bob Nolland, John Gilhooly & Brian MacKenzie who will make a great asset to our Instructor team. Welcome guys.



Regards,  
Ron Probert,

### Important Dates for 2017

6<sup>th</sup> June New beginners orientation night.

7<sup>th</sup> June General Meeting.

**25 June** Blacktown's K&T Cs Obedience Trial

4<sup>th</sup> July New beginners orientation night.

**29 July** Interclub Challenge Match Day - Blacktown

1<sup>st</sup> August New beginners orientation night.

2<sup>nd</sup> August Annual General Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Sept New beginners orientation night.

**9 & 10 Sept** Double Championship Show.

**23 Sept** Blacktown's K&T C's Obedience Trial

**24 Sept** Blacktown's K&T Club's Rally O Trial

3<sup>rd</sup> October New beginners orientation night.

4<sup>th</sup> October General Meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> November New beginners orientation night.

5<sup>th</sup> December Last night of training.

**5<sup>th</sup> December** No new beginners in December.

6<sup>th</sup> December General Meeting.

12<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party/Presentation Night.

25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day, Merry Christmas.





**Are you interested in competing in Obedience Trials with your dog ? You can find some great information here ....**

**First, to enter in a competitions you need a trained dog that is registered with a controlling body, in New South Wales and that is "Dogs NSW" either on the main register or associate register. You also need to be a member of Dogs NSW.**

<http://www.dogsnsw.org.au/activities-a-events/obedience.html>

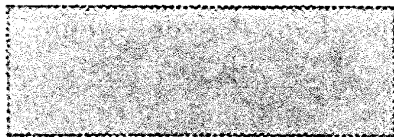
**Second, read the ANKC Rules for the Running of Obedience Trials. This will give you a good understanding of what will be expected from you, and your dog**

<http://ankc.org.au/media/4431/obedience-2016v2.pdf>



## Tuesday Night Ground Rules

- Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training. Check with your Instructor, or with Canteen staff. They are there to help you.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times unless your Instructor requires 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 ground equipment clean. Make sure your dog does not urinate on the "witches hats" used for class assembly at commencement of 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
- Use of mobile devices for filming and photo taking is not permitted during classes



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# DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



**ALERT**



**SUSPICIOUS**



**ANXIOUS**



**THREATENED**



**ANGRY**



**"PEACE!"**  
look away/head turn



**STRESSED**  
yawn



**STRESSED**  
nose lick



**"PEACE!"**  
sniff ground



**"RESPECT!"**  
turn & walk away



**"NEED SPACE"**  
whale eye



**STALKING**



**STRESSED**  
scratching



**STRESS RELEASE**  
shake off



**RELAXED**  
soft ears, blinky eyes



**"RESPECT!"**  
offer his back



**FRIENDLY & POLITE**  
curved body



**FRIENDLY**



**"PRETTY PLEASE"**  
round puppy face



**"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"**  
belly-rub pose



**"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"**  
greeting stretch



**"I'M FRIENDLY!"**  
play bow



**"READY!"**  
prey bow



**"YOU WILL FEED ME"**



**CURIOUS**  
head tilt



**HAPPY**  
(or hot)



**OVERJOYED**  
wiggly

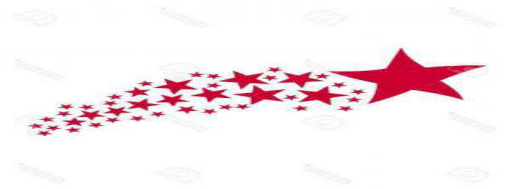


**"MMMM...."**



**"I LOVE YOU,  
DON'T STOP"**

# Bone Awards



## MARCH : -

Andrew & "Shelby"  
Nick & "Zoe"  
Kevin & "Bailey"  
Loredana Di Bella &  
"Romeo"  
Doreen & "Cody"  
Mat Maurer & "Indy" x2  
Janet & "Mac"  
Xyrus & "Chappy"  
Geraldine & "Coco"  
Leah Renaux &  
"Barney"  
Sandra & "Eric"  
Stephanie McCreery &  
"Meika"  
Alice Thomas &  
"Bardis" x2  
Benjamin Vassallo &  
"Skyla"  
Louise & "Dora"

Tanya & "Sunny"  
Dave Mahood &  
"Bruce"  
Peter Hogan & "Stellar"  
Trevor & "Atticus" x2  
Jenny & "Pippi"  
Vi & "Baymax" x2  
Raneeka De Alwis &  
"Chester"  
Dakota Moore & "Bix"  
Kullant Grewal &  
"Ravin"  
Janki Arasanayagan &  
"Rex"  
Debra & "Poppy"  
Liam Farla & "Rocky"  
Andrew & "Hulk"  
Gaston & "Jax"  
Christina "Hulk"  
Peter Bernhardt &  
"Snoopy"  
Debra Rothwell &  
"Poppy"

Sharon & "Riley"  
Steve Flux & "Zoe"  
Douglas & "Arlo"  
Alison & "Coco"  
John Hobbs & "Maisie"  
Lynda & "Mya"  
Gram Sampson "Molly"

AND THE WINNER IS:-  
SANDRA &  
"ERIC"

INSTRUCTOR OF THE  
MONTH:- VICKI  
FINN



## APRIL : -

Alyssa & "Yuki"  
Natalie Byrne "Mia"  
Sandra & "Eric"  
Aubrey & "Ransom"  
Monica & "Ollie"  
Lisa Brooks &  
"Koda"  
Bret McAndrew &  
"Precious"  
Glen Christensen &  
"Ralph"  
Bronwyn & "Bindi"  
Peter Bernhardt &  
"Snoopy"  
Xyrus Militar &  
"Chappy"  
Naomi Krasinski &  
"Toby"  
Barb & "Tucky"

Dianne & "Alby"  
Vi & "Baymax" x2  
Ben Alexander &  
"Tangles"  
Debra Rothwell &  
"Poppy"  
Averil Pretty & "Mia"  
Sharon & "Shilo"  
Rose & "Milly"  
Rosemary Klem &  
"Zod"  
Andrew Beveridge &  
"Nala"  
Monica & "Ollie"  
Marien Chija &  
"Chappy"  
Fernando Gamit &  
"Bane"  
Baljeet Grewal &  
"Raven"  
Alison Tough &  
"Coco"

Debra Rothwell &  
"Poppy"  
Dianne & "Alby"  
Vi & "Baymax"  
Sharon Farugia &  
"Shilo"  
Yuriy & "Mario"  
Stephanie & "Arlo"  
Gaston & "Jax"  
Alice Thomas &  
"Bardis"  
Cherie Colley &  
"Ollie"  
Sheila & "Bluebell"  
Donna & "Gypsy"  
Suditha & Arrow"

AND THE WINNER  
IS :-  
NAOMI  
KRASINSKI &  
"TOBY"

INSTRUCTOR OF  
THE MONTH:-  
DENISE  
FRASER.



## **PROMOTIONS**

### **WHITE TO ORANGE:-**

Rose & Milly  
Sharon & Shilo  
Kulwant & Raven  
Debra-Ann & Poppy  
Gasto & Jax  
Naomi & Toby  
Vi & Baymax  
Di & Jiggly  
Elisha & Peaches  
David & Kenai  
Roman & Evie  
Grant & Molly  
Linda & Mya  
Alic & Bardis  
Sonny & Chicko

Geraldine & Coco  
Alison & Coco  
Christina & Hulk  
Kathy & Bella  
4/4 Janaki & "Rex"  
4/4 Mouijakan & "Rex"  
4/4 Alyssa & "Yuki"  
4/4 Rosemary & "Zod"  
16/5 Xyrus & "Chappy"  
16/5 Rahul & "Molly"  
16/5 Fernando & "Bane"

### **ORANGE TO GREEN:**

Selina & Latte  
Dianne & Alby  
16/5 Billy & "Rookie"  
16/5 Angela & "Scarlet"  
16/5 Tanya & "Sunny"

### **GREEN TO BLUE:**

Alyssa & Yuki

### **BLUE TO YELLOW:**

16/5 Heather & "Indi"



## **Show and Trial Results**

**We would love to include information on your successes at shows and trials in the Bark. You can send them to me via email or fill in the form included in the Bark, and drop it in at the canteen.**

**My email is - [heathhanly@yahoo.com.au](mailto:heathhanly@yahoo.com.au)**

**Please include your name, dogs name and call name, class, Show or trial, date**

**Only as an encouragement to others** - I will now post my own dog's trial results - so c'mon members I am sure there are many more of you out there who have some really outstanding results to share

Heather Hanly

Machichanto Light Elves - "Indi"

7/5/17 Golden Retriever Club of NSW Trial - CCD-E.Temby -86 pts

13/5/17 Hills Dog Club - Rally Novice-S. Hutchins-95 pts



## Show and Trial Results

All Show and Trial Results for publication in the "Bark" should be listed on this form and forwarded to "The Publicity Officer" by email:heathhanly@yahoo.com.au or mailed to The Secretary, 24 Abercrombie Ave, Seven Hills, 2147. To avoid mistakes please print all information as clearly as possible.. Results over 2 months old may not be published

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## Keeping dogs warm in winter prevents illness

Published: 02 December 2009

Winter is now hitting most of Australia hard, and keeping dogs warm in these coldest months is now of vital importance

Dogs exposed to excess cold can get chills, respiratory and sinus problems, as well as experiencing arthritis. Owners need to invest in their dog's health by providing them with blankets at night and a warm place to snuggle up during the day, maintaining an exercise regime, and increasing their dog's food intake.

"It's getting to that stage of winter when we all tend to rug up at home and before we go out, so it makes sense to do the same for our dogs. When dogs are cold, they are going to bark and let their owner know about it, so giving them plenty of blankets at night not only keeps them warm, but keeps them quiet.", says veterinarian, Dr Peter Higgins.

Buying your dog jackets and coats is an effective way to keep dogs warm while they are outside during winter. They provide an extra layer of insulation on top of their winter coat while protecting them from cold wind and rain.

"Whether or not your dog actually needs a jacket depends on the age and size of the dog. Generally speaking, the smaller and older they are, the more help they need to stay warm, as their body cannot generate heat as quickly as larger or younger dogs.", explains Dr Higgins.

"Pets with single-layer coats will also require some extra insulation, and they will thank you for the extra insulation. Adding a jacket can also be a fun way to express your dog's personality. There are lots of options available these days, from thin knitted sweaters to 'doggy couture'!", suggests Dr Higgins. Keeping up an exercise routine can also be hard in the colder months, just as for humans. The daily walk is often replaced by a night in the lounge room in front of a heater.

"Exercise will get a dog's blood circulating more rapidly to stop them from getting too cold. This also means it won't be hard to get them back into routine when summer comes around.", advises Dr Higgins. "It's also good to increase their food intake during winter as dogs, like us, use more energy to keep functioning in colder weather. Dogs will not only be unhappier and more irritable, but more susceptible to illnesses like sinus, throat, and lung problems.", warns Dr Higgins.

"We need to keep a keen eye on good health during these months. If your dog starts developing a hoarse cough, gets a dry nose, and shivers more than usual, it's best to get it checked out with your local vet in case anything serious develops.", warns Dr Higgins.

"And we should all remember that, like people, dogs can suffer quite badly from arthritis in winter; so much so, that the pain could prevent them from walking or even getting up.", reminds Dr Higgins.

DOGS NSW - <http://www.dogsnsw.org.au/resources/media/101-keeping-dogs-warm-in-winter-prevents-illness.html>



# Coming Events !

## 2017 Inter-Club Challenge

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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. Blacktown won the Challenge in 2016 so we are hosting the Challenge in 2017. It is a great day, well worth coming down, having a look and lending a hand

The Club will need volunteers to help out on the day, so “save the date” if you would like to participate. Volunteers are always well rewarded with a great lunch and a good time.



The 2016 winning team - The Wicked Fleas !

M. Foord, M. Garnham,  
P. Bailey, M. Bailey

**The Club AGM will be held Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8:00 - see back of Bark for nomination forms**

## Handler of the Month



March-  
Sandra and Eric



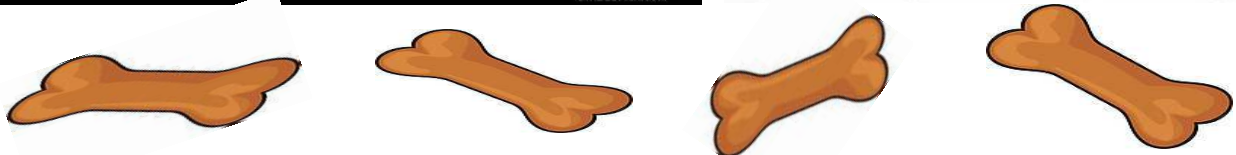
April -  
Naomi and  
Toby

**Well done!**





There is nothing more satisfying than sharing your life with a well trained canine companion. Reaching that goal is attainable and takes time, commitment and consistency and whether your dog is a puppy or a mature dog training will assist you in sharing a special relationship where your dog is a pleasure to have by your side, whether at home or in a social situation.



**Rewarding your dog or puppy with treats for good behavior is a fun and effective way to train.**

**Feeding a variety of dog treats during training, will help to keep your dog from getting bored. It's also helpful to have some lower value treats (like kibble) along with some really valuable treats (like fresh meat) available so that you can reward so-so responses with the so-so treat and great responses with the great treats.**

**The best dog training treats are irresistibly yummy, easy to break (or small: pea-sized), easy to carry (not greasy or crumbly) and healthy. For puppies and for dogs with sensitive stomachs it is best to stick to treats with simple ingredients that are easy to digest such as low fat meats (chicken, etc).**

**Don't forget to feed your dog less of his or her regular food when you feed treats** URL: <http://www.petexpertise.com/best-dog-treats-for-training.html>



## *Canteen Service for you and your dog*



*A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training.*

*We even have treats available for your dogs. We also sell leads and collars, check chains and soft collars. Come and meet the team. They 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.*

### **2016 - 2017 Office Bearers and Committee**

#### **Club Officials**

President	Ron Probert	9622 1783	lovalab@bigpond.net.au
Vice Presidents	Ian Olsen, Peter Guenther		
Secretary	Heather Hanly	heathhanly@yahoo.com.au	
Asst Secretary	Trudy Dive		
Treasurer	Kevin Speed		
Chief Instructor	Steve Thompson		
Assist. Chief Instr.	Trudy Dive		
Publicity Officer	Allen Hall	heathhanly@yahoo.com.au	
Ground Supervisor	Ossie Valseschini		
Ground Secretary	Jan Probert		
Show Secretary	Lyn Mansfield		
Trial Secretary	Jan Probert	9622 1783	lovalab@bigpond.net.au
Auditor	Ms. Venya Neus		

Committee Grace Caldwell, Denise Fraser, Sue Guthrie, Faye Jones,  
Ken Long, Barb McKittrick, Bob Nolland, Linda Olsen

Club Patron Rob Zammit

Life Members Jan Baker, Russ Dickens, Peter Guenther, Barb McKittrick, Ian Olsen,  
G. Petra, Jan Probert, Ron Probert, Kevin Speed

# **Blacktown BARK**

#### ***Advertise in the Bark***

*Full page \$20*

*(includes one scan of your logo or a photo)*

#### **Postal address for the Club:**

**BKTC Secretary,  
24 Abercrombie Ave, Seven Hills 2147**

*Half Page \$15*

*(includes one scanned photo)*

*Business card size \$10*

*Additional scans add \$5*

**Our website is ;  
[www.bktc.org.au](http://www.bktc.org.au)**

The due date for material for the next edition is **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Send your contribution to the Secretary or hand it in at the canteen on training nights

## NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2017-2018

All members who are financial on 30th June 2017 are eligible to nominate for office bearers for the ensuing year. Elections will be held at the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017, 8pm**. Nominations are called for the following positions:

PRESIDENT	1 Position	GROUND SECRETARY	1 Position
VICE PRESIDENTS	2 Positions	PUBLICITY OFFICER	1 Position
SECRETARY	1 position	COMMITTEE	7 positions
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	1 position	PATRONS	2 positions
TREASURER	1 position	AUDITOR	1 position
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR	1 position	SHOW SECRETARY	1 position
GROUND SUPERVISOR	1 position	TRIAL SECRETARY	1 position

## OFFICE BEARER NOMINATION FORM 2017-2018

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_  
at the Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc for the year 2017/2018

I accept my nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
[NOMINEE SIGNATURE]

NOMINATOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**All nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 14 July 2017.**

Both the Nominee and the Nominator must be current financial members of the Club and both must sign the Nomination form. Additional nomination forms are available on Tuesday nights or by request.

## APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTE 2017/2018

I wish to apply for a Postal Vote for the forthcoming election of Office Bearers and Committee of the Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER(S) SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

**All Applications must be received by the Secretary no later than 7:45pm Tuesday 25 July 2017.** Please hand them in at the Canteen and include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payable by 30th June 2017

Single Membership renewal	One dog - \$95.00 Each additional dog - \$20.00 (\$25.00 - Subscription, \$70.00 training fee)
Dual Membership renewal	One dog - \$105.00 Each additional dog - \$20.00 (\$35.00 - Subscription, \$70.00 training fee)
Juniors (12-16) and Pensioners Membership Single Membership renewal	One dog - \$55.00 Each additional dog - \$10.00 (\$15.00 - Subscription, \$40.00 training fee)
Juniors (12-16) and Pensioners Dual Membership renewal	One dog - \$65.00 Each additional dog - \$10.00 (\$25.00 - Subscription, \$40.00 training fee)

### IMPORTANT REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**All members are reminded that Membership Renewals are payable by 30th June 2017**

Any payments made after this date will be liable to the relevant joining fee of \$10.00 per person  
(including Juniors and Pensioners)

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS RENEWAL FORM. PAY AT TRAINING OR POST TO ;  
THE GROUND SECRETARY:16 SYLVIA STREET, BLACKTOWN,NSW 2148

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

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