



Blacktown BARK

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**DYKINTA
BRANDY
SNAP CDX**

**Owned by
Len Amos
achieving
her Novice
Retrieving
Ability Trial
for Gundogs**

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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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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)

President's report

Our club has just hosted the 19th Interclub Challenge with 28 teams entered from clubs in Maitland, Central Coast and the Sydney metropolitan area. We unfortunately did not win the Interclub Challenge, but we congratulate Hills District Kennel & Obedience Club for their magnificent win. Hills will be hosting next year's 20th Interclub Challenge at Castle Hill Showground.



I am so proud of our teams and the effort that they put in for the event, coming 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th & 13th. Well done everyone!

My thanks as always to the helpers who came along and helped set up the rings for the Interclub Challenge and for those members who volunteered to steward at this event and man the check-in table and vetting table. I would like to give special thanks to Jan for organizing the Interclub Challenge and making sure everyone had an enjoyable day. Special thanks also to Ossie Valseschini for cataloging the entries and Wayne & Lyn Mansfield for running the scoring system, and last but not least Maryanne Fazekas for putting all the teams together who represented Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc. Without this band of people, the event would not have ran so smoothly. Thank you one and all!!!

Our next events are our Obedience Trial to be held on Saturday, 21st September, and our Rally O Trial to be held on 22nd September, 2013. I hope members of this club will enter or come along and help out on the day.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 4th September, and I would like to see as many members as possible come along and participate in the running of this great club. There are positions available on the committee and I would like to see new members come along and stand for those positions.

Regards
Ron Probert



One of our behind-the-scenes unsung heroes you have probably never seen - until now! Wayne Mansfield, who sat behind a computer all day in the office, scoring the Interclub Challenge.



PROMOTIONS

WHITE TO ORANGE

9/7 Alex & "Logan"
 9/7 Paul & "Taz"
 9/7 Paul & "Wilber"
 9/7 Elizabeth & "Scooby"
 9/7 Tomas & "Rex"
 9/7 Todd & "Quinn"
 9/7 Anne & "Jade"
 9/7 Craig & "Max"
 9/7 Rodney & "Lexie"
 9/7 Stephen & "Teddy"
 9/7 Louise & "Diamond"
 9/7 Jacqui & "Tyson"
 9/7 Kirsty & "Sidney"
 9/7 David & "Benji"
 9/7 Lisa & "Boston"
 9/7 Sean & "Bear"
 9/7 Lynette & "Milo"
 9/7 Adam & "Ranger"
 9/7 Jani & "Hazel"
 9/7 Stacey & Danny & "Sherlock"

WHITE TO GREEN

9/7 Sue-Anne & "Chaise"

ORANGE TO GREEN

11/6 David & "Laika"
 25/6 Sonia & Wayne & "Alice"
 9/7 Denise & "Lara"
 9/7 Rachel & "Bonnie"
 16/7 Melissa & "Franklin"
 16/7 Paul & "Wilber"
 30/7 Alroy & "Max"

GREEN TO BLUE

11/6 Veronica & "Bentley"
 25/6 Andra & "Dash"
 25/6 Heather & "Meeka"
 25/6 Rodney & Jenny & "Toby"
 9/7 Jodie & "Picasso"
 9/7 Darren & "Buddy"
 9/7 Hayley & "Parker"

BLUE TO YELLOW

11/6 Rhiannon & "Obi"
 25/6 Kathleen & "Sunny"

Important dates 2013

GENERAL DATES & TRIALS

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.

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

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



Welcome to our new Instructors

Who can help your dog stay out of jail.

Blacktown Club is very fortunate to have some wonderful instructors. Now they are joined by the following people - most of whom have been trialling their own dogs to very high levels.

7.30 Class new instructors are Faye Jones, Sarah Williamson, Toni Kitchman and Jessica O'Flynn.

8.30 Class new instructors are Tracey Lindsay & Gail Treister.



BONE AWARD

APRIL

Mervin &	"Jake"	
Albert & "Jessie"		
Hayley Harkness & "Parker"		
Sabine Bischkopf & "Maddie"		
Marina & "Slivka"		
Kathleen Fitzgerald & "Sunny"		
D. Finlay & "Holly"		
Alan Currie & "Mindy"		
Melissa Hunt & "Franklin"		
Michael Roberts & "Axle"		
Matt Snape & "Echo"		
Kate & "Annie"		
Carol & "Sol"	X 2	
Les Bowman & "Wolf"		
Jennifer & "Wilson"		
Marilou & "Princess"		
Christine Ward & "Kaiser"	X 2	
Heather Hanly & "Meeka"		
Andra Hemmings & "Dash"		
Janelle Sharp & "Rogue"		
Veronica & "Bentley"		
Kirsten & "Charlie"		
Brad Fletcher & "Soul"		
Daniel Norton & "Max"	X 3	
Kathy Miceli & "Bella"		
Sarah Mitchell & "Princess"		

Kellie & "Jo"		
Ryan & "Swag"		
D. Finlay & "Holly"		
Sarah Hoekzema & "Popcorn"	X 2	
Rachel Robertson & "Bonnie"		
Craig Eddy & "Bohdi"		
Henry & "Yogi"		
Lea-ann Ferreira & "Honey"		
Satyam Roy & "Rex"		
Danny Akkari & "Sherlock"		
Andy Snape & "Piper"	X 2	
Cathy Sycz & "Zoe"		
Brad Fletcher & "Soul"		
Vardi De Bono & "Bundy"	X 2	
David & "Lady"		
Cassandra & "Beau"	X 2	
Sabine Bischkopf & "Maddie"		
Robin Rai & "Jimmy"		
Les & "Wolf"		
Sharrol & "Marlee"		
Lee Bristow & "Fred"	X 2	
Melissa Hunt & "Franklin"		
Glenn Brazzill & "Zena"		
Greg Hill & "Raffaello"		
Kerry-Anne & "Ellie"		
Jennifer Platter & "Adam"		
Warren Geekie & "Archie"		
Karina & "Sky"		
Nikki & "Trevor"		

**AND THE WINNER IS
KATHY MICELI & "BELLA"**

MAY

Cassandra & "Beau"	X 2	
Sarah Hoekzema & "Popcorn"		
Andy Snape & "Piper"		
Christine Ward & "Kaiser"		
Brad Fletcher & "Soul"	X 2	
Carol & "Sol"		

Daniel Norton & "Max"	X 3	
Tony Rowe & "Gina"		
Jordan De Bono & "Bundy"		
Amanda Fleitas & "Charlie"	X 2	
Donna & "Flynn"		
Natalie Coop & "Austin"		
Lee Bristow & "Fred"		
Ryan Manalili & "Swag"		
Adam Atcha & "Ranger"		
Les Bowman & "Wolf"		
Albert & "Jessie"		
Dorothy & "Rocco"		
Kathy Miceli & "Bella"		
Monica Oehm & "Tiger"		
Veronica & "Bentley"	X 2	
Mark Lipman & "Koda"		
Andra Hemmings & "Dash"		
Wayne Burgess & "Alice"		
Peter Guenther & "Andy"		
Natalie Coop & "Austin"		
Lindy Pettit & "Ruby"		
Kate Bender & "Annie"		
Heather Hanly & "Meeka"		
Robert & "Keira"		
Satyam Roy & "Rex"		
Eric Clements & "Noa"		
Warren Geekie & "Archie"		
Brogan & "Ollie"		
Kiranjot Sandhu & "Shera"		
Felix Sanano & "Lila"		

**AND THE WINNER IS
CASSANDRA & "BEAU"**

JUNE

John & "Jack"	X 2	
Sabine Bischkopf & "Maddie"	X 2	
Todd & "Quinn"		
Rick & "Beau"		
Heather Hanly & "Meeka"		
Paul Fradd & "Wilber"	X 3	
Damien Moorey & "Rocco"		
Melissa Hunt & "Franklin"		
Daniel Norton & "Max"		
Stacey Akkari & "Sherlock"		
Alroy & "Max"		
Wayne Burgess & "Alice"	X 2	
Darius & "RJA"		
Veronica & "Bentley"	X 2	
Mark Lipman & "Koda"		
Terrie & "Buddy"	X 2	
Denise & "Lara"		
Sue-Anne & "Chaise"		
Lisa Giles & "Boston"		
Andra Hemmings & "Dash"		
Todd & "Quinn"		
Kirsty Mooy & "Sidney"		
Rick & "Beau"		
Michael Roberts & "Axle"		
Denise Testa & "Lara"		
Sean Singh & "Bear"		
Jani & "Hazel"		
Cassandra & "Beau"		

**AND THE WINNER IS
KIRSTY MOOY & "SIDNEY"**



**You know you're successful when the cat
gives you a hug**

19th Interclub Challenge

28 teams entered from clubs in Maitland, Central Coast and the Sydney metropolitan area came together to compete in the Obedience ring. Last year Blacktown won the Challenge and the right to host this year. Now Hills has taken gold and will host the Challenge next year at Castle Hill Showground.



The winning Hills Team



The Prizes



Camp Blacktown
on a glorious sunny
Saturday





Our 2nd place team Silver Medalists



3rd place team Bronze Medalists

Clearly a glass or two helped
steer them to success

Teaching puppies good manners

From Purina Dog Foods website

Puppies are born only knowing how to be dogs, so it's normal for them to jump, bark, nip and even bite. As you will soon discover, most normal, healthy puppies go through phases (some of them more than once) that can make you wonder why you wanted a puppy to begin with. But with the right amount of care and attention, you can teach your puppy how to behave and grow up to become a model citizen!

Social skills

It's important to introduce puppies to as many new experiences with people and other dogs as possible, while they are still young enough to take everything in their stride. Their first big learning period begins at about three weeks, when the eyes and ears first open and they start to explore the big wide world around them.

The next big jump is between about 7-12 weeks, which, confusingly, is exactly the same time your vet will tell you to keep your puppy away from public places while vaccinations take effect. But even so, there are ways around this apparent contradiction to ensure your puppy grows into a well-adjusted, sociable dog.

Developmental calendar

- If you can't take your puppy into the world, bring the world to your puppy!
- Invite people to your home to help your puppy get used to people of different sexes, ages, heights, builds and races. Encourage them to wear different types of clothing. Arm everyone with treats!
- Ask friends to bring around friendly dogs that are up to date with their vaccinations.



- Puppy parties are also a great way to introduce your new pet to similar aged pups. Ask your vet about puppy parties in your area.
- Take your pup out in the car for short trips. Not only does this get puppies used to car travel, but also gives them the chance to see the world. It also gets them used to loud motorbikes, lorries, sirens etc.
- Socialisation sound tapes are also available and can be a helpful training aid.
- Think about everything your puppy may encounter in life and write a check-list. Then cross off each item as your puppy encounters and accepts it.
- Remember, don't do anything as a one off. Repeated exposure is essential.

Actions and reactions

Whenever your puppy encounters anything new, act confidently as if there's nothing to worry about. Try not to be too anxious or nervous yourself, your puppy will pick up on your signals and think something is wrong. An occasional "good dog", a bag of treats, and a calm attitude is all you need. Constant and dramatic reassurance will only serve to increase fear.

Out and about

Once your puppy's vaccinations are completed (10 to 12 weeks), it's time to step things up a gear.

- Walk your puppy on the lead along pavements in quiet streets, building up to busy traffic areas.
- Visit dog-friendly shops, pubs and cafes.
- Take your puppy to a beach (first checking the local regulations) and as many other environments as you can think of.
- Again, remember to repeat the experiences whenever possible.

Name familiarity

- Say your puppy's name over and over during enjoyable experiences, such as when he is eating or when you are petting him.
- Never shout their name if you are angry - puppies must associate their names with good things.
- Make sure all family members are consistent - if your puppy's name is Ben, use Ben and not Benjamin, Bennie, or Benji which will all just lead to confusion!

Bite inhibition

- Your puppy needs to learn that it's wrong to bite people. All puppies 'mouth', especially during teething, but this shouldn't be tolerated: continuing to mouth into adulthood can cause some serious damage.
- Tell your friends and family to make a loud, high-pitched yelp and then turn away from the puppy if it bites or mouths them. This is a much more effective way of getting through than a reprimand or playing more roughly.
- This response must be given even if the pup does not hurt you - even gentle mouthing should be discouraged.
- The pup must then be ignored, to show bad behaviour means the game is over.
- This is a similar reaction to that shown by littermates when they get hurt by a pup, so your puppy will quickly understand that kind of behaviour is wrong.



AND when they grow up, they too can become obedience champions like Brandy and Yogi below

TRIAL RESULTS

DYKINTA BRANDY SNAP CDX
Owned by Len Amos

23.6.13 Blacktown K. & T. Club
Novice RATG
Judge J. Duncan
89 points 2nd pass.
AND FIRST PLACE

29.6.13 Macarthur D.T.C.
Novice RATG
Judge S. Turner
80 points 3rd pass.
AND SECOND PLACE

This gives Brandy her Novice RATG (NRA)
Title



TRIAL RESULTS

Golden Retriever – Obed Ch Euraid One Night Stand CCD UDX NRA – “YOGI”
Owned by Jan Dixon & Louise Patterson

29/6/13 – Qld State Obedience Titles
Judge Mrs P Looker (ACT)
UDX – 1st place – 179 pts

Highest scoring Golden Retriever at trial
6/7/13 – Caboolture Sports Dog Obedience
Club (Qld)

6 July 2013 Trial 1
1st place UDX – 189 pts
Judge Mr S Schuck (ACT)
3rd Qualification towards Obedience
GRAND Championship

6 July 2013 Trial 2
2nd place UDX – 186 pts
Judge Mrs L Dibbin (NSW)
4th Qualification towards
Obedience GRAND Championship



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	Best <i>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	Best <i>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	Best <i>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	Best <i>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	Best <i>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.



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true,
to the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Have you forgotten?
Then please complete the form below and return it asap.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$65 TOTAL. (\$15 Subscription plus \$50 Training Fee)
DUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$70 TOTAL. (\$20 Subscription plus \$50 Training Fee)
EACH ADDITIONAL DOG	\$15
JUNIORS (12-16) AND PENSIONERS SINGLE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$35 TOTAL (\$10 Subscription plus \$25 Training Fee)
JUNIORS (12-16) AND PENSIONERS DUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$40 TOTAL (\$10 Subscription plus \$25 Training Fee)
JUNIORS (12-16) AND PENSIONERS EACH ADDITIONAL DOG	\$6

IMPORTANT REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All members are reminded that Membership Renewals are payable by 30th June 2013

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 THE RENEWAL FORM BELOW. 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

SURNAME	FIRST NAME
SURNAME	FIRST NAME
DATE OF BIRTH (JUNIORS ONLY)	
ADDRESS	
POST CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
CONTACT TEL NUMBERS	
DOG'S NAME	BREED
HANDLER	
DOG'S NAME	BREED
HANDLER	
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE