

Blacktown Bark

"VALE"

In Loving Memory of



Donald Thomas Sharp

21st January, 1939—11th February, 2021.

Don was our rep at our trials for approximately 20 years. He has always put his whole life into his dogs and dog related matters. Don has been Dogs NSW Rep for a lot of Clubs and they together with Blacktown will miss him terribly, because no one like to be a Rep but Don did.

This is a job he loved doing because he got to go out and mingle with all of the triallers for the day. He just relished his job. He loved mixing with people and the triallers used to comment about what a lovely person he was. Always friendly and welcoming. Don started showing Labradors in 1972, and started breeding Labradors in the 80's under the prefix "Harestock Labradors".

We will miss him terribly. He will leave a big void to fill.

Rest in Peace, "Don"

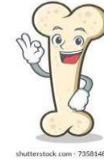


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Winter is certainly on the way. The last couple of weeks of training have been quite chilly but despite the weather we have had a great turn out of handlers with their dogs. The dogs are a little more active now that the weather is cooler and that keeps us all on our toes. It's good to see all the short haired dogs in their coats. They seem to be enjoying the new warmth. In the last month we have instituted a new procedure for arrival and sign in so that we can reduce the congestion at the entry area to the grounds and reduce the possibility of incidents. This is working well. I would like to remind you to keep your dog in the car until you have signed in. After you have signed in please retrieve your dog from the car and move straight onto the showground. You can chat with others or take your dogs for a walk once on the ground. Our grounds at Glendenning are progressing. The light towers have been installed and tested, a watering system has been installed and the ground has been prepared ready for turfing. All good progress however there is still more work to be done. This is good progress and does indicate that works are on time despite the rains that we have had previously. June will see the first of our two club obedience trials for the year. This is very exciting for members who compete at all levels and we are looking forward to a great day on 20th June. Jan Probert, our Trial Secretary will be looking for volunteers to man the sign in table and to work as stewards at the rings on the day. If you think you could help please let us know. I am sure Jan will put out a call either on Facebook or via the website very soon. During the lunch break we will also be having the presentation of titles from 2020. Unfortunately, because we were still in very uncertain times at the end of last year, we were unable to hold our regular Presentation Night so we made the decision to hold this at our first trial in 2021. It will be lovely to see all of those who gained titles in 2020 receive their trophies. Everyone is welcome to come to the trial. It is a nice day out even if you are not trialling. It will be held at the Dogs NSW grounds at Orchard Hills. I look forward to seeing you at training.

Denise.



AWARDS - MAY

Max Cimino & "Rocky"

Tania Cimino & "Harry"

Tamar Coleman & "Achilles"

Nikita Ellis & "Molly"

Kylie Foster & "Odin"

James Fraser & "Bear" x 2

Mayuran Gadkari & "Lulu"

Barbara Garland & "Mindy"

Sue Higgins & "Chloe"

Diana Hilly & "Astro"

Jason Leung & "Winter"

Andy Luck & "Sabian"

Peter McAlister & "Tess" x 2

Dave Mernagh & "Susie"

Cynthia Pomilio & "Daisy"

Claire Read & "Buddy"

Craig Ross & "Bear" x 2

Kylie Seymour & "Thor"

Allison Traynor & "Cooper"

Kirsten Wademan & "Murphy"

MAY WINNER IS: Steph Tabone & "Rosie"

MAY CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Sharon Patterson

PROMOTIONS – MAY

WHITE TO ORANGE:

18/5 Ushan & “Max”
18/5 Tania & “Harry”
8/5 Max & “Rocky”
18/5 Jason & “Winter”
18/5 Craig & “Bear”
18/5 Diana & “Astra”
18/5 James & “Bear”
18/5 Peter & “Tess”

ORANGE TO GREEN:

11/5 Matt & “Ruby”
11/5 Elizabeth & “Crumpet”
11/5 Rebecca & “Lexi”
18/5 Steph & “Teddy”
18/5 Marina & “Roxy”
18/5 Sasha & “Marley”
18/5 Simran & “Scout”
18/5 Rish & “Simba”

GREEN TO BLUE:

18/5 Gemma & “Bonnie”
18/5 Tamar & “Achilles”

BKTC. General Meeting. 7/4/2021.

Attendance. P Guenther, I Olsen, O Valseschini, K Minton, B Mckitrick, K & T Dive, S & T Burton, J Baker, L Patterson, D Fraser, S Thompson, J Probert, B Mackenzie.

Apologies. L Olsen, S Patterson, Di Sheey, V Mackenzie, L Mansfield, R Probert.

Meeting opened. 7:30. Chair D Fraser. Minutes. Moved Trevor, seconded Barbara. Accepted. Business arising. Trophies. Louise reported back after investigating cost of “perpetual “ trophies, where instead of new trophy for each title, a plaque would be added. Trophy was \$30 and additional plaques \$5:10. Proposal accepted unanimously. Sep Trial Will have OT in am and Rally in pm. Sunday was not available for Rally at Dogs NSW. Show. Jan has sent letter to Dogs NSW re canceling our show for this year only.

Correspondence.

In. From Dogs NSW- Insurance Certificate. Interclub Challenge- will go ahead 24th July. Louise volunteered to Steward.

Out. Will need to send letter Show Soc. re no need to hire grounds.

Secretary report. 18 new dogs. We have a new Instructor- Carol.

Treasurers report. Not available

Trial Secretary

Sept trial. Judges appointed for Obedience and Rally. Jun trial. We need rep.

Ground Secretary Needs instructors list for badges.

General business Grounds and council. Denise. Meeting held at grounds with Tony Gabrio, was productive. Power in place for light poles, irrigation in place, She’d to be towards gate from car park Completion should be before the end of the year. No news on Electronic payments Presentation for last years titles, will be at June Trial. Trevor. Sound system is ineffective. Suggested getting a Megaphone. Proposal - that we buy a megaphone- moved Brian, seconded Kathy. Carried. Trevor will pick up. Louise. Noted that the toilets at Showgrounds are remote and dark. Parents need to accompany children.

Meeting closed at 8.30

PROMOTIONS – APRIL 2021

WHITE TO ORANGE:

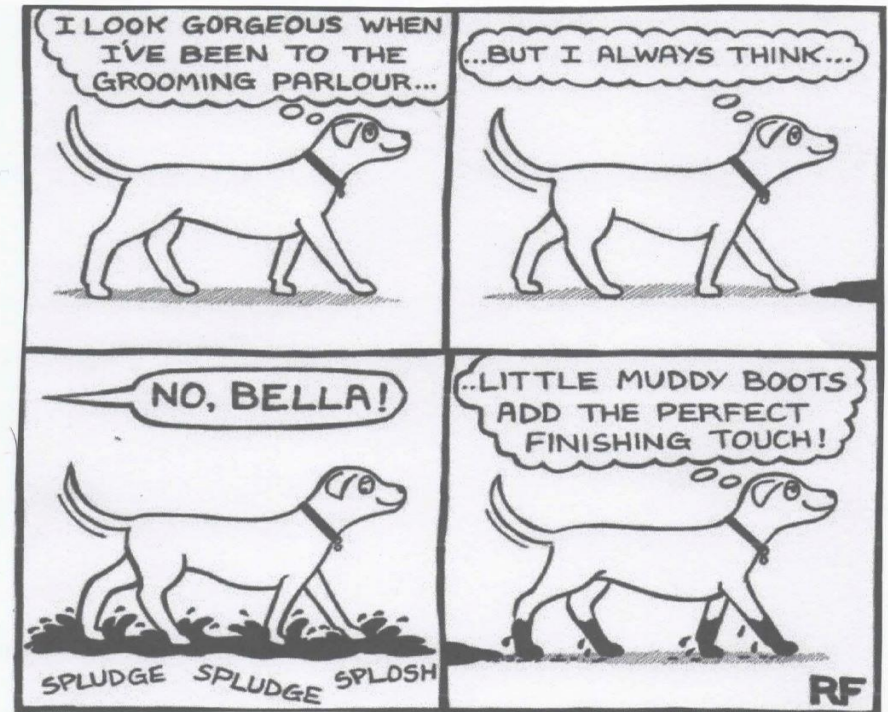
6/4 Wendy & "Barney"
 6/4 Sue & "Chloe"
 6/4 Elizabeth & "Crumpet"
 6/4 Kelly & "Biggie"
 6/4 Bernadette & "Tess"
 6/4 Sasha & "Marley"
 6/4 Matt & "Ruby"
 6/4 Phillip & "Roxy"
 6/4 Sanjana & "Lulu"
 6/4 Matthew & "Pippa"
 6/4 Su-Chen & "Sugar"
 6/4 Stephanie & "Teddy"
 6/4 Jeremy & "Axel"
 6/4 Cynthia & "Daisy"
 6/4 Angus & "Korra"
 6/4 Simran & "Scout"
 6/4 Barbara & "Mindy"
 6/4 Rish & "Simba"
 6/4 David & "Susie"
 6/4 Andrew & "Rio"
 6/4 Martin & "Rosie"
 6/4 Madeline & "Arya"

ORANGE TO GREEN:

6/4 Peter & "Louie"
 6/4 Victoria & "Scruffy"
 6/4 Edit & "Pudding"
 6/4 Jimmi & "Ari"
 13/4 Anne-Maree & "Astra"
 20/4 Bay & "Lexi"
 27/4 Maureen & "Argos"
 27/4 Kelly & "Biggie"
 27/4 Martin & "Rosie" 27/4
 Phillip & "Roxy"
 27/4 Kris & "Kona"

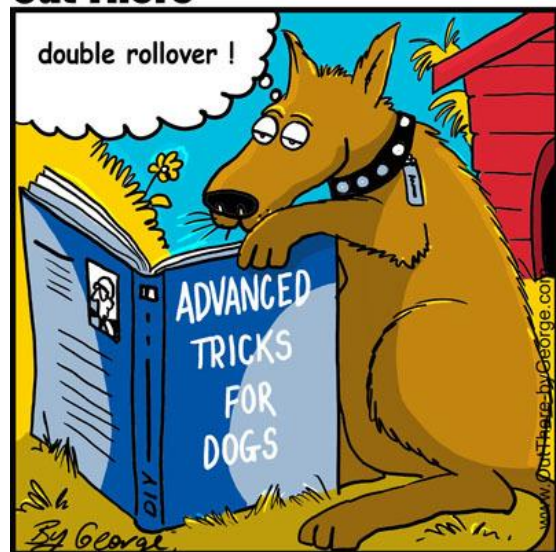
GREEN TO BLUE:

6/4 Claire & "Buddy"
 20/4 Ben & "Lewis"
 20/4 Robert & "Winston"
 20/4 Tomas & "Rex"



Don't expect your dog to be a mind reader Show your dog what to do by using food to 'lure' them into the position or place you would like them to be. If your dog isn't catching on, break the command up into parts. For example, to teach your dog to 'wave' you might first hold a treat in your closed palm near your dog's forearm. Your dog will surely try to nibble the treat but hold it in your fist so that they can't get at it. Wait until your dog paws at it , as this is the behaviour you are looking for. Reward this by saying "good", followed immediately by the treat. Shape this paw movement into a wave by holding the treat higher and further away. Once your dog is performing the command consistently with your hand movements, it's time to introduce the command "wave" before you give the hand signal. Trick training is a whole lot of fun for both you and your dog and you never know, with enough training, your dog could become the next big canine star

Out There



When dogs have ambition



AWARDS –APRIL 2021

Jimmi Aasberg & "Ari"
 Julie Attard & "Buddy"
 Sasha Borges & "Marley"
 Georgina Clode & "Millie"
 Matt Cruickshank & "Ruby" x 2
 Robert Daniels & "Winston"
 Ken Dive & "Kiki Dee"
 Rhiannon Evans & "Rosie"
 Rose Franklin & "Macy"
 James Fraser & "Bear"
 Mayur Gadkari & "Lulu" x 2
 Corrine Gilholme & "Blacky"
 Elizabeth Hamilton & "Crumpet" x 2
 Angus Harding & "Korra"
 Andrew Hargreaves & "Bonnie"
 Andrew Hargreaves & "Tyson"
 Sue Higgins & "Chloe"
 Diana Hilly & "Astro"
 Wendy Hobson & "Barney"
 Sharon Jackson & "Atticus"
 Cecelia Khoury & "Bonnie" x 2

Edit Kiss & "Thadius"
 Jason Leung & "Winter" x 2
 Phillip Logozzo & "Roxy" x 2
 Andy Luck & "Sabian"
 Bernadette McAlister & "Tess"
 Peter McAlister & "Tess" x 2
 Melissa McCabe & "Scout" x 2
 Tom Melican & "Max"
 Dave Mernagh & "Susie"
 Julia Nehmer & "Korra"
 Carla Patterson & "Bindi"
 Rish Pradhan & "Simba"
 Claire Read & "Buddy"
 Peter Rose & "Willow"
 Craig Ross & "Bear" x 2
 Kylie Seymour & "Thor"
 Alaina Shaw & "Bear"
 Stephanie Tabone & Teddy x 3
 Allison Traynor & "Cooper"
 Lorena Vargas & "Rio" x 2
 Kelly White & "Biggie" x 2
 Mayuran Wijeyaratnam & "Nala" x 2
 Martin Williamson & "Rosie"

APRIL WINNER IS: Bob Daniels & "Winston"

APRIL CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Denise Fraser



AWARDS – MARCH 2021

Bay Ayling & “Lexi”

Sasha Borges & “Marley”

Nikita Ellis & “Molly”

Peter Guenther & “Andy”

Elizabeth Hamilton & “Crumpet”

Sue Higgins & “Chloe”

Rodney Hilly & “Lexie”

Wendy Hobson & “Barney”

Phillip Logozzo & “Roxy”

Bernadette McAlister & “Tess”

Madeline Morcombe & “Arya”

Andrew Pace & “Rio”

Lorraine Paludetto & “Coco” Glenn Small & “Ava”

PROMOTIONS – MARCH 2021

ORANGE TO GREEN:

30/03 Natasha & “Jordy”

30/03 Tamar & “Achilles”

30/03 Scott & “Louie”

Did you know...

Even though the following article gives some good advice on how to have fun teaching your dog tricks, the techniques apply equally to obedience training. Practice these tips a try at home and see which ones will work for you both in class.

Teaching Your Dog Tricks Source:

<https://www.purina.com.au/dogs/exercising/tricks#.YKsKoo3it5s>

Teaching your dog new tricks can be a wonderful way to strengthen the bond you share and can help develop a form of communication between you both. By following a few simple training rules, your dog will reach their training goals much sooner: Train your dog in a quiet, distraction-free environment This makes it easier for your dog to focus on just you. Once your dog has learnt the trick, you can move on to practising it in more distracting locations to ensure it’s really sunk in. Don’t go out there empty-handed Take some dog currency! Just like people don’t usually work for free, we shouldn’t expect our dogs to either. Get the most out of your dog by training them using rewards like food treats or a favourite toy. The higher value the reward, the more impact it will have when you’re rewarding your dog for their efforts. As your dog learns the trick, you can gradually reduce the amount of treats you give them but don’t stop giving them completely. Take it easy and work your way up Start off with simple commands before tackling more difficult tricks. Once your dog has learnt a few simple commands, you can think about ‘chaining’ these together to create a sequence of tricks. Keep training sessions short and sweet Teaching your dog tricks doesn’t have to be difficult or time consuming. Short (yet regular) training sessions can actually achieve more than long tiring ones. Five minutes a few times a day is great, and always remember to end on a positive note. The quicker the reward, the better Reward the desired behaviour within two seconds of it happening. The