

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Hello Members

Happy New Year to everyone. Dog Training commences again this Sunday 6 February and we look forward to seeing you all with your dogs ready to start another fun year of training. Please arrive early on Sunday to pay your training fees as we anticipate it will be very busy with a large number of new members.

During January Queensland and Victoria experienced very tragic times with the huge floods and weather events. At a recent committee meeting it was resolved to make a donation to RSPCA Queensland. The following is an extract from their web site; *"The RSPCA Queensland Shelter at Fairfield (Western suburbs of Brisbane) was severely damaged by the recent floods. Thanks to staff, volunteers and emergency foster carers, all animals were safely and swiftly evacuated before the shelter became engulfed by water."*

The RSPCA is exempt from disaster relief funds offered to other charities that assist human needs. This makes the RSPCA entirely reliant on the generosity of the Australian and International community to help us get back onto our feet, open our doors and continue to help the 42,000 animals who rely on us each year."

In order to assist the Queensland RSPCA our Club has registered and been granted authority to raise funds on its behalf. Commencing 13 February until 1 March 2011, Instructors, Natalie and Rosie will seek your support if you would like to make a donation towards this very worthy cause. Our Club will also make a substantial donation, but by asking you to participate as well, it is hoped we can provide a very generous donation to Queensland RSPCA.

Summer School

During our break this year, Diane, Rosie and Jenny very kindly offered members the opportunity to attend Summer School. It was a great success and thanks are extended to them for continuing during the break to give members the opportunity to learn new activities with their dogs. Kim Porter also gave lessons in agility exercises and we also express our grateful thanks to Kim. One of the popular exercises was Strategic Pairs and no doubt this will be on the agenda for future training sessions in agility work as everyone enjoyed it very much, so much so they asked for a repeat session!



Australia Day

A huge crowd really enjoyed the lively program presented by our Club which included dogs flying through 24 weaving poles, racing for Aussie Flags, a short obedience routine, and the finale of the ever popular flyball races.

Thanks go to all members who participated in this year's event and especially to Diane, Rosie and Jenny who put together the program. Members who took part are; Natalie and Chelsea; Natasha and Busta; Sue and Sassy; Danielle and Tia; Tracey and Koda; Mark and Rex; Louise and Darcy; Catrina and Tequila; Ruth and Shandi; Rosemary and Flynn; Jenny and Billy; Diane and Lady; Rosie and Pac; Kim with Brock and Bella; Emma and Blitz; Nerida and Trin; Mark and Rex; Ruth with Paddy and Shandi; Louise and Darcy.



What's Happening in 2011?

The Management Committee held its first meeting of the year on 30 January and is busy planning for 2011. Here is some detail of coming events:

4 March – Milton Show – Dog Club demonstration of agility, obedience, flyball, weavers, flag races.

5 March – Milton Show – Dog Club Fun Agility and Jumping Competition

Sunday 13 March 10.30am Dog Club AGM – all committee positions will be declared vacant and elections held. Nomination forms will be available at the Clubhouse from Sunday 20 February. The nomination form will include information on the role of our Club's Executive and Committee positions. If you are interested in standing for election please do not hesitate to talk to any of the current Executive – John, Rosie, Roy or Cheryl, who will be pleased to fill you in on committee duties. Only financial members can stand for positions or vote at the meeting.

During April the Club will present a demonstration at Sarah Claydon (date to be confirmed).

Our Club has been asked to give demonstrations for the local Meals on Wheels outings. These are held on week days and no dates have been confirmed. Any member who is interested in taking part, is asked to talk to Diane or your Instructor. (Your dog will need to be well controlled, and may need to be assessed to make sure it is ready to take part.)

RSPCA Million Paws Walk. Our Club has been asked to liaise with the local RSPCA on the format of this years walk, usually held during May. The Club's Executive is to meet with RSPCA representatives in the near future to find out more details.

A Sub committee comprising Diane, Rosie, Jenny and Sarah has been set up to finalise the program for this years Club Championship events, usually held during August.

As you can see, we are looking forward to another busy year. If you want to be involved – speak up – don't wait to be asked!

MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members, please forward your email address to newsletter@mudtc.org.au if you would like to receive your newsletter notification electronically. Also current members, please email if you wish to be included on the electronic listing.

Congratulations to all members who have graduated and were recently presented with their certificates. Well done.



Well Done

On Saturday 27th November the Mudd on the Paws Division 1 team travelled to Tuggeranong for the Fun in the Sun Competition. They came 2nd in 1st Division with a time of 18.600sec. The Team was Kylie & Possum, Patrick(handling Rosie's dog) & Pac, Rosie & Wizz, Kylie & Jackie, Louise & Darcy.

At the South Coast Dog Training Club's Flyball comp on 11th Dec. Mudd on the Paws team 1 came 3rd in Division 1 in a time of 18.814 Mudd on the Paws team 2 came 4th in Division 2 in a time of 21.623

At the end of December Jackie Koffman and her Australian Kelpie Jemma travelled to Bathurst and they gained their Jumping Dog Masters Title and Gambler Dog Excellent Title.

Club Awards for 2010

Most improved Quick Start – Dom and Ollie Barrington with Em

Most improved Basic Class – Hugh Austen and Charlie

Best in Intermediate Class – Sue Hays and Sassy

Best in Advanced Class – Natasha Backhouse and Busta

Most Improved Agility – Diane Richmond and Lady

Most improved Flyball – Louise Hamilton and Darcy

Perpetual Trophies:

Peter Smith and Jimmy Award for Most Persistent Handler – Jean Channon and Jack

Anne Cook Award for Most Improved Hander Overall – Rosemary Rixon and Flynn

Lynne Brooks Award for Champion Companion Dog – Rosie Milton and Pac

Marion Mann Trophy for Champion Companion Dog – Tracey Collins and Koda

President's Trophy Club Novice Section – Danielle Butson and Tia

Margaret Rudd Trophy for Club Agility – Jenny Patch and Billy

Photo Gallery

Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos over the Christmas Break, I have included a selection here and will publish more in future editions of the Newsletter. Submissions for the monthly Newsletter are always welcome.



Fancy Dress 1st Place Jimmy



Left to Right 3rd Place Mickie & Hamish 2nd Place Menzee



Ollie & Em Most Improved Quick Start



Fiona Smith presents Jean Channon & Jack with the Peter Smith & Jimmy Most Persistent Handler Award

Australia Day – Darcy; Pac; Flynn, Lady, Bella and Brock having a good time!



Photos courtesy; Tony Rolfe; Roy Cullen; Margaret Rudd and Margaret Peppitt

Be interested in the future. You're likely to spend a whole lot of time there.