

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC NEWSLETTER NO: 53 – NOV/DEC 2010

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Hello Members

Well here we are at years end again, it has been another successful year for the Milton-Ulladulla Dog Training Club with many very happy new and long term members attending most Sundays.

My thanks and best wishes go out to the hard working committee and instructors for the fine work all have done during the year.

A special thanks to Margaret Rudd for the excellent publicity she has been able to attain through the local paper the Times, for the Margaret Rudd Trophy and for welcoming new members every Sunday.

Special good luck wishes to instructor Sarah, as she takes a sabbatical next year to study for her HSC. Happily she will still attend to train her dog Sam We look forward to her return as an instructor in 2012.

Our hearts go out to George who has discovered his Cattle dog Lucky has a cracked spine and requires special attention.

It was great to see our former President, Peter Hudson attending classes with a new young dog, Sally, to teach her social skills.

Finally I wish everyone a very Happy, Safe Christmas and New year and look forward to seeing you all back at training in February 2011.



Regards, John Rixon
President

Christmas Party



Our last formal training day and Christmas Party is on Sunday 5 December. An invitation is extended to all current Club members and their families to attend and we hope many of you will be able to come along and join in all the fun. Please make sure you add your name to the list at the Clubhouse so we know numbers for catering purposes. Members are invited to bring along a "plate" to add to the food table. You can indicate what food you will bring on the attendance list. The Club will provide a sausage sizzle and tea and coffee. There is no charge to members for training on the 5 December or for the Party.

Program for the Day – Sunday 5 December

9.00 – 9.30am	Training Classes
9.35 – 10.15	Rally O
10.20	Award Presentations
10.50	Fancy Dress Competition
11am	Sausage Sizzle

Rally O

Thank you to Diane and Rosie who have put together a fun competition known as Rally O. The aim of this is to complete a set obedience course with your dog completing a series of exercises. All competitors start with the same number of points, and points are deducted for missed exercises. The handler and dog with the highest score wins. There will be two competition levels – Open and Novice. All Instructors and Advanced Class members will have to compete in the Open Section. All other members can compete in Novice.



One of the advantages of this type of game is that the exercise you have to do will be clearly described at each "station". For example if you go to the first station it will have a clear notice describing the required exercise, for example SIT. You will not have to remember what to do next, there will be a notice telling you what to do! (Picture shows an example of what a "station" might look like). I have been asked to judge this event, which will be a first for me too. It sounds a lot of fun, so we hope for lots of entries on the day.

Award Presentations

Perpetual trophies - The Anne Cook Award for the Most Improved Handler Overall and the Peter Smith and Jimmy Award for the Most Persistent Handler will be presented, together with awards for the Best or Most Improved in the various Club classes, Agility and Flyball. The Club's Obedience and Agility Perpetual Trophies, which were decided through our annual competitions, will also be presented to the winners.



Anne Cook was a past Chief Instructor of the Dog Club, and now lives in Victoria. Peter Smith was the Club's Patron, a role now filled by Peter's wonderful dog Jimmy. Please visit our web site at http://www.mudtc.org.au/patron_dog.html to read about Peter and Jimmy.

These Club Awards are an important recognition of the achievements of handlers and their dogs during 2010.

Fancy Dress Competition



The theme this year is Christmas, so we look forward to some wonderfully decorated dogs and possibly handlers too! The judges will be our generous sponsors Cathy and Mark Sommerville from Budget Produce Ulladulla.

Guessing Competition

Don't forget to collect tickets for the Guessing Competition from Sarah or Margaret. It will be drawn at the Party. Tickets cost \$1 each and are in packs of 10 tickets. Prizes are:

1st \$50 IGA Voucher; 2nd Long Stitch Painting; 3rd \$35 Critters Dog Wash Voucher; 4th \$20 Budget Produce Ulladulla Voucher.

Grateful thanks to IGA, Critters Dog Wash, Budget Produce and Roy Cullen for the donation of prizes.

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 presented with their certificates during the past month. Well done.



Mudd on the Paws Flyball Competition

Congratulations to Mudd on the Paws for organising the 2nd Flyball competition event held at Lions Park Burrill Lake on 16 October. It was another extremely successful day. Sincere thanks to the team members and all the helpers who made it such a great event. Teams – Division 1 – Trent Shepherd & Possum, Patrick White & Pac, Louise Hamilton & Darcy, Rosie Milton & Wizz and Kylie White & Jackie. Division 2 - Diane Richmond & Lady, Tracey Collins & Koda, Kylie White & Skye, Jenny Patch & Billy, Danielle Butson & Tia

Team Members



Flyball Division 1 – 2nd Place



Flyball Division 2 – 3rd Place

Display for Coastal Waters Retirement Village

On October 19, at Milton Showground, the Club's demonstration team and members of Mudd on the Paws Flyball team entertained visiting residents from the Retirement Village with a great display of obedience,

agility, weavers and flyball. It was a very enjoyable event and thanks are extended to everyone who contributed to the day.

Some Photos of the Display



Margaret Rudd Trophy Agility Championship

The final round of the Club's Agility Championship was held on Sunday 14 November. It was an extremely hot morning and many of the dogs were feeling the heat. Competitors said they enjoyed the challenging course set by Jenny. Grateful thanks to Liz Karacsonyi for judging the competition. Thanks also go to Rosemary, Jenny, Diane and John, who either helped set up the course or were time keepers for the event.

The winner of the 4th Round was Cynthia Larsen's Maltese - Mickey (handler Jenny Patch) and runner up was Diane Richmond with her Kelpie, Lady.

After the final round, the overall winners were announced and congratulations go to the following members:

- 1st Jenny Patch and her Cattle dog - Billy
- 2nd Diane Richmond and her Kelpie - Lady
- 3rd Louise Hamilton and her Border Collie - Darcy

Thank you and well done to all competitors who took part in this year's competition. We look forward to your continued support next year.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - Visit by Matthew Tay

We are very grateful to Matthew Tay, from Milton Village Vet, who has kindly offered to attend at 10am on Sunday 28 November to talk to members about vaccinations and snake bite. We do hope that many of you will stay after training to take advantage of this opportunity to hear Matthew's talk.



Christmas Break

Dog Training for 2010 finishes on the 5 December and recommences on 5 February 2011. During the break Diane and Rosie will run summer classes. For more details please see them at training.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

A little smile, a word of cheer, a bit of love from someone near, a little gift from one held dear, best wishes for the coming year. These make a Merry Christmas! - John Greenleaf Whittier