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# MUDTC Newsletter



**WELCOME  
BACK  
EVERYONE  
TRAINING  
CLASSES  
START AGAIN  
SUNDAY 5  
FEBRUARY  
2012**



*The Club's Newsletter provides information about Club events and member happenings. If you have any interesting stories or photos for inclusion, please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.*

Regards  
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## President's Message

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and welcome to 2012.

What a wonderful Christmas break the club has had. We were lucky enough to have a number of visiting instructors, including Natalie Winters, Elsin Meyers, and Jan Keilly, in addition to our own wonderful instructors Diane Richmond, Jenny Patch, Rosie Milton, and a Kay Lawrence session run by yours truly. The summer workshops gave both our beginners and more advanced handlers a range of new skills and new methods of training to consider, and we are all particularly keen to put our new agility skills to the test at the upcoming agility trial to be held in conjunction with the Milton Show on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (see Diane for entries).

Our demonstration teams also continued to train over the break, and I was privileged to see some of our members perform wonderfully at the Australia Day events

on January 26<sup>th</sup>. It was also heartening to see members in the audience in support – perhaps more members would like to be included in our future events? Janet did an excellent job as always on the microphone, and members Diane, Rosie, Jenny, Natasha, Danielle, Roy, Mark, Ruth, Rosemary, Louise and Cynthia presented an excellent and fast paced display that had the crowd oohing and aahing, especially when dogs raced through the weavers.

It was with great sadness that one of our members - Margaret Peppitt (one of our 2011 award winners with her Chow "Chai") - lost her husband to cancer over the Christmas break. Our thoughts are with you Margaret. As many of us have lost friends and family members to this dreadful disease, I urge all members to consider ways of supporting the upcoming "Relay for Life" on March

31<sup>st</sup>. The club is considering putting in a team for the event this year – we'll let you know details when they become available.

Also during the break, a small but determined working bee saw the fencing of one of the show rings for the future training needs of our puppies (thank you team). This will soon free up the agility ring for dedicated agility training for all of our members by Rosie and Jenny on a roster basis – stay tuned for updates on how this will work. There will be some minor class changes that come into play in 2012 – we'll see you all back on February 5<sup>th</sup> for our first training session and more details. Until then, Happy Training.



President - Natalie

## Club Christmas Party

Once again we had loads of fun at our end of year celebration and Christmas Party on 11 December. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped make it such a successful morning, especially “glamorous” Chef Glen Tubman who did an amazing job on the BBQ and all members who brought along contributions to the lunch table – it was a spectacular spread.



**Please** drive slowly around the Showground – Dogs may run across the roadway



Glen – ready for BBQ action!

Glen is currently on the mend after major surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you back at training with Winnie – get well soon.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Club Christmas raffle, which raised \$183.

### • Awards

Congratulations go to all our Award Winners for 2011, which are:-

- Shaun Dickson and Samba in Quick Start
- Jan Crick and Molly – Basic Class
- Ruth Hall and Detroit – Intermediate
- Nerida Robinson and Trin – Advanced

- Danielle Butson and Tiamaria – Agility
- Natasha Backhouse and Busta – Flyball
- Lynne Brookes Trophy – Rosie Milton and Pac
- Peter Smith and Jimmy Award – Cynthia Larsen Mickey and Bertie
- Ann Cook Award – Margaret Peppitt and Chai
- President’s Award – Jan Crick and Molly
- Margaret and Tessa Rudd Agility Award – Mark Wilden and Rex

(Photos courtesy Diane Richmond and Margaret Peppitt)



Rosie Milton with Mark Wilden and Rex



Jenny Patch with Ruth Hall and Detroit



Margaret Peppitt and Chai



## Training in 2012

This year there will be some minor changes to our class structures and content. One of these changes will be that graduates from the four weeks Quick Start Course will join a Beginner's Class to refine their skills before assessment to join Basic Class.

Once the new puppy enclosure is secure Beginners and Advanced Agility classes will be held in the Agility arena from 9am on Sundays. Instructors Rosie and Jenny will take these classes which are open to all members. The classes will run alternately for four weeks. The first Beginners intake will be during March. Beginner dogs will be assessed, and must be at least 8 months before joining the class.

The Beginners class is an introduction to the sport of agility and numbers will be limited so please register your interest with Rosie as soon as possible.

Further details about these changes will be available at training.

## Ticks



A timely reminder for all members about the need to regularly check your dog for ticks. Here is a suggested removal method, which is gentle on the patient and, unless allergic to soap, shouldn't cause any problems. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

## Demonstration Teams

The Club's Demo Team members put on a brilliant display at Mollymook Oval as part of the Ulladulla Milton Lions Club Australia Day celebrations. The demonstration began with several dogs retrieving their Australian flag from an outline of the map of Australia painted on the grass. This was a fun way to start, and much appreciated by the large crowd. Special thanks to member Cynthia who prepared a very large template of the map of Australia, not forgetting Tasmania of course! (photos courtesy Tony Rolfe and Roy Cullen)



The Club's next demo will be on 7 February at Milton Showground for residents of Coastal Waters Retirement Village, and then on Friday 2 March at Milton Show.

**NO DOG  
TRAINING  
ON SUNDAY  
4 MARCH  
(Milton  
Show clean-  
up)**

## Member's Corner

### • Member News



Please  
ALWAYS clean  
up after your  
dog



Our Publicity and New Member Officer Margaret had some setbacks following knee surgery in November last year. I am very happy to report that she is now on the road to recovery and planning to be at the New Member desk, with the gorgeous Sunday, when we start back on 5 February. We are all looking forward to seeing you Marg.



Congratulations to Assistant Instructor/New Member Officer Sarah Ball who has been offered a place at Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga to study Animal Science. Sarah expects to move to Wagga Wagga in mid-February. Sarah has been a hardworking and dedicated member of the Club since joining with puppy Sam in 2002. We all wish you the very best for your studies, and for the future.



Toshi

Sadly Rosie Milton's Cavalier Toshi died just before Christmas. Toshi was a past winner of the Club's Marion Mann Award, a champion little dog, who would do any number of tricks to get a treat!

Well done to Judy Roger and her dog Savvy who gained a CCD Title at Wollondilly Trial in December.

Our Mudd on the Paws Flyball team had a great time at the Flyball Frolic in Canberra last weekend with both teams coming second in their respective competitions.

### • Training Resumes

All training classes will resume this Sunday 5 February at 9am at the rear of Milton Showground. To view our Club's amended Members Information Sheet please go to <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Milton%20Ulladulla%20Dog%20Club%20Rules.pdf>

For existing members the annual membership fee of \$6 is due from 12 February and can be paid to Treasurer Cheryl at the Clubhouse on or after that date.

Our Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on a Sunday after training during March and further details will be announced at training. If you are interested in holding a position on our Committee please talk to your Instructor, or one of our Committee Members who will be happy to assist you.



To Jenny, Diane and Rosie who were the "behind the scenes" organisers of the very successful Summer School events held during December and January.

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