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# MUDTC Newsletter



*This Newsletter is produced to provide information about Club events and member happenings for the benefit of all members. If you have any interesting stories or photos please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.*

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Reminder!  
Rotary Swap Meeting at the Showground Sunday 22 May. Dog Training as usual but you will need to pay Rotary the entry fee if you wish to visit the Swap Meet

## STOP PRESS

Sunday 29 May we share the Showground with a Horse Event



## President's Message

It is certainly a very busy time for us all with our dogs. Thank you to everyone involved in The Margaret Rudd Agility Competition which commenced on 8th May, and congratulations go to Louise with Darcy, winner of the first course. Subsequent events will be held on the 17 July; 11 September and 13 November. The 31st July is the date set for the Club Championships, which are the President's Trophy, the Marion Mann Trophy and the Lyn Brookes Trophy.

Our Club is celebrating the fantastic achievement of the Mudd on the Paws Division Two Flyball Team with their win at the National Championships held in Sydney over Easter. Over two days of competition the team won all sixteen races, although some with only 100<sup>th</sup>'s second margin. It was

exciting racing! The team also won the Maggie Trophy for being the best team in Division Two. The winning streak did not end there though, Louise Hamilton and Darcy won first place in the singles event, with Rosie Milton and Pac coming second. In the Veteran's competition for dogs over seven years of age, a team with several members from Mudd on the Paws won the Division Two competition. We now have so many trophies a shelf is going to be built in the Clubhouse so they can be appropriately displayed! A wonderful achievement for a team which only came together in 2009, well done everyone.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep up to date with current dog training methods, Rosie Milton is taking an on-line course run by Canadian Dog Training Expert Susan Garrett. The course content is being shared with other

Club instructors and over coming months will be incorporated into obedience training classes. These training methods concentrate very much on the importance of having your dog's focus on you through a series of fun games.

Don't forget to support our friends at the RSPCA at next Sunday's Million Paws Walk at the Milton Showground. The fun program of events is detailed later in this Newsletter, and includes a demonstration by our team and a Rally O event designed by Rosie. We will also have a stall to promote our Club organized by Roy. In advance, I would like to thank everyone very much from our Club who is involved in assisting in this very important fund raising event for the RSPCA.

Regards  
President  
Natalie



Mudd on the Paws winning Flyball Team L- R Trent Shepherd, Louise Hamilton, Kylie White and Rosie Milton. Photo: Nicola Boyd

**Remember No Dog Training on 15 May**



Have you paid your \$6 annual membership fee? It is now overdue. Please pay Cheryl as soon as possible.

Did you know? If you have the correct change you can now pay your \$2 to Margaret or Sarah at the New Members Table



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

**RSPCA Million Paws Walk**



The RSPCA's Million Paws Walk is to be held this Sunday 15 May at Milton Showground. The theme for the day is Fancy Dress. Here is the program of events. It looks like a great day out for us and our four legged friends.

See you there!

- 8.30am Registration
- 9.30am Novelty events
- 10am Demonstration by Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club
- 10.30am Official Opening
- 10.35am Walk commences
- 11.00am Rally-O Event
- 11.45am Draw Raffle
- 12.00noon Novelty Events
- 1.00pm Close

**COST: Adults \$10 ♦Children & Concession \$5**

**♦Family \$20**

The best work is found in the gap between possible and impossible.

**MUDTC Club Championships**

This year's Club Championships will be held on Sunday 31 July. There are three separate Trophies.

**The President Trophy** is for less experienced dogs and the exercises are performed on lead. This year the exercises are:

- Obedience heeling pattern – on lead
- Sit, drop, sit at the end of the lead
- Restrained Recall
- Jump, tunnel, jump (handler runs with their dog)
- 1 minute sit stay – on lead
- Rally O – 6 – 8 Stations

A total of 200 points

**The Lyn Brooks Trophy** (Medium/large dogs) and the **Marion Mann Trophy** (Small Dogs) is for the more experienced dogs and exercises are performed off lead. The exercises are:

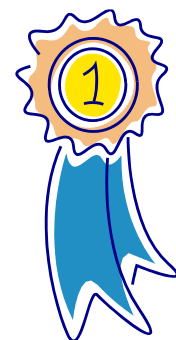
- Obedience heeling pattern – off lead
- Drop on recall
- 2 dummy retrieve
- Jump, tunnel, jump and fetch dumbbell
- 1 minute sit out of sight
- 1 minute drop out of sight
- Jumping

A total of 200 points

Please talk to your Instructor now if you plan to take part in any of the

competitions so you can start practicing the various disciplines as soon as possible.

More details will follow in later Newsletters, including how to enter, and the closing date for entries.





Please remember to wear your name badge to training class

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**WHAT ABOUT ME?**  
**Was the winning caption by Margaret Peppitt**

A warm welcome to all new members and congratulations to members who have graduated during the past month. Well Done.

### Equipment Sales

Our Club sells various items of equipment to help with training your dog, including collars and leads. Mark Wilden is our Equipment Officer and he can help you with the fitting and purchase of dog training equipment on Sunday mornings.



Mark – in a serious mood!

### Dog Personality Survey

The Club has been approached by student Melissa Starling who is conducting a Dog Personality Survey as part of her studies at Sydney University Faculty of Veterinary Science. The title of the survey is

Cognitive Bias in Dogs. If you would like to take part please go to [http://sydney.edu.au/vets/cience/teaching\\_learning/surveys/bias\\_dogs.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/vets/cience/teaching_learning/surveys/bias_dogs.shtml) and follow the link to the Survey.

The closing date for the Survey is Monday 30 May 2011.

### Congestion at the Ramp

All members are reminded of the Club's request not to take your dog up the ramp to the Clubhouse when you pay your training fees. If you have the correct change your training fee can be paid to either Margaret or Sarah at the New Member table. Otherwise please tie your dog up, or ask another member to hold your dog while you go to pay your training fee. Thank you.

### More Success at Competitions

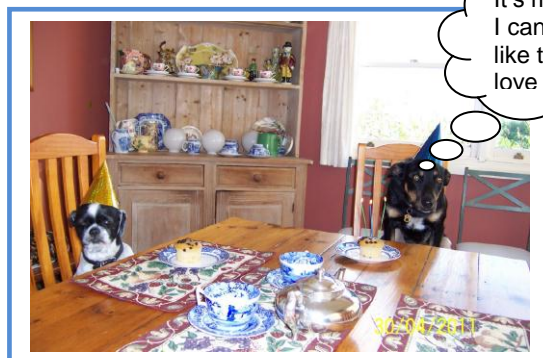
Club Members Ruth Hall, Kim Porter, Emma Parnell, Louise Meagher and Jackie Koffman are congratulated on their recent success at various agility trials.

At the Border Collie Club Agility and Jumping Competition on 16 April Ruth and Shandi gained a 2<sup>nd</sup> pass in Jumping Dog Excellent. Mr Paddy was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice Agility.

Kim and Brock gained a qualifying score and were 2<sup>nd</sup> in Community Companion Dog for his 1<sup>st</sup> pass.

At the ACT Companion Dog Club Trial on April 23 Ruth with Mr Paddy gained his Gambler Dog title. Emma and Blitz qualified for their first pass in Gamblers – well done. Jackie's Jemma gained a qualification in Agility Dog Open and Novice Snooker and Woody achieved a first qualification in Novice Jumping.

At Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Trial on 30 April, Louise's Border Collie Whispa gained her Agility Dog Title and Jumping Dog Title, achieving first place in both events – congratulations!



It's my party so I can eat what I like today – I love this cake!

Here is Rex celebrating his third birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> April with his pensioner mate Jack.