

PUPPY Tales

Promoting responsible dog ownership



MARCH 2016

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
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Casual Vacancy – Committee of Management

With the resignation of Liz Payne, there is now a vacancy on the Committee of Management.

Members who may be interested in the activities of the Committee of Management are invited to nominate for the position. Further information about the duties may be obtained from the Secretary or the Operating Manual in the clubroom.

Nominations should reach the Secretary by 5pm, Friday, 4th March 2016

The Committee of Management, at a meeting on 7th March 2016 will elect a person to fill the vacancy.

Bill Reynolds
Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OFF LEAD AREA AT M R POWER PARK
Victoria/Grant St, Sebastopol

The City of Ballarat is planning to bait rabbits at the off-lead dog park on the Corner of Victoria and Grant St Sebastopol, from the 1st of March to the 31st of March.
The bait will be laid in carrots.

PLEASE BEWARE IF YOU USE THIS AREA
KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE & ON LEAD DURING MARCH

Changes to Puppy Tales Distribution,

In November 2015 a survey of members attending training was undertaken.

Members were asked how they would prefer to receive their copy of Puppy Tales. The overwhelming response was electronic. As a result the club will be arranging to send puppy Tales via electronic means. The club still intends to have copies in hard format for those who still prefer the printed copy.

If you wish to have Puppy Tales sent to you, please print your name & email address below & hand it in at the office.

Name _____

Email _____



Obedience

- Carol Hodges, Obedience Coordinator



Obedience Report.

We had a great day of training at our change of training ground a few weeks ago, I heard from the instructors and handlers they all had a good day. It was a bit difficult getting the equipment around there but we managed, at least it was just around the corner. Norm put a sign up to redirect members across that had not been the week before so nobody got lost.

It was good to welcome old and new members back to the club, and catch up on the news, we had one of our class 4 handlers who had a spell in hospital seriously ill but now back on the road to recovery. One of our puppy class handlers welcomed her baby girl into the world, a tad bit early but home with her mum and dad and doing well.

Every class now will start with a focus exercise for five minutes, and maybe when you are waiting for your instructor if they are doing an exercise with another handler you can refocus your dog.

We as instructors ask that you do five minutes training with your dog every day, now a good time to do this is after their walk, you will have a better chance for the training to be successful, take your rewards with you it can be food or a toy. One thing I have noticed in puppy class is the reward not given quick enough, you have asked the dog to sit, dog sits looks at you reward, if it is too long while you get the reward you could be rewarding for the wrong thing.

At our instructors meeting last week it was decided class four will be combined in with class three for a few weeks as we are having a problem with getting an instructor for this class. Please be patient with us as we try and find someone with the experience that class four needs. We do not want to overload Michael in class four but hopefully it will not be for long. I have a list of possible experienced handlers in the dog world that I am going to contact, so hopefully we can have one triallers class a month.

I have spoken to Ray Ashman the president of the Werribbee club and he has invited the instructors down to see how they run their classes, he said they are having the same problem at their club not enough instructors. They actually use their triallers to put each other through the ring.

Rally Obedience will start now at 10.30, so please use the ring tell your instructor when you are leaving class, the later start to this class will give Allison a chance to start her journey in becoming an obedience instructor.

I will apologise now if we have caused any disruption to any class this morning, from puppy class as we are starting to teach the handlers how to get their pups the word give. Some pups will not work for food as yet so the handler will bring along a toy. We have also found that if we go for a short walk and a play on the puppy equipment the pups will train better, as they are more settled and the handler is to.

I will keep class four updated with any news on their class and once again I apologise for the inconvenience.

Carol & Glenn

Responsible Dog Owners program

Training 13 handlers and their dogs Glen and myself taking the class with once again Jan,s help also Michael has come and helped with some one on one . Ruth Duncan our dog behaviourist from the Ballarat Vet Practice has given her talk and was once again bombarded with questions,she is really good value as she is down to earth and the handlers feel very comfortable around her. Every one in this course moving along at their own pace,and the dogs are all settling down as they all get to know one another. Our next talk will be from the vet on your dogs health.

Carol and Glen.

Childrens Program.

Ann and Tony working with four children this term,it will only go for 6 weeks this time as Easter is in March this year,Ann saying the children moving along slowly but getting there. This week Marg once again will be giving the children their talk about living safely around dogs ,as we all know their has been more dog attacks on children. So please every body be aware you can not leave any child under 10 unsupervised around your dog, I believe personly that children should not even take.the dog for a walk with out an adult been present. Every one has to be aware the dog is part of your family structure but they are a pack animal and they may be lovable and beautiful but they can and will bite if they are put into a sitaution where they feel threatened ,so please teach your children to be resonsible and you as a parent be resonsible.

Carol Glen Ann and Tony

- Leads
- Martingale Collars
- Treat Bags



DOG SHOP

Other Leads made to order. Please enquire.

OPEN SUNDAY TRAINING DAYS

9.30AM TO 9.55AM

11AM TO 11.15AM

Also open

Membership nights 6.30pm

RDOP nights 7.00pm

Puppy preschool nights 7.00pm

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 28TH MARCH 2016

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

DOUBLE OBEDIENCE & DOUBLE RALLYO TRIAL

Saturday 9th April, 2016

Held at Victoria Park, Sturt Street, Ballarat.



JUDGES

AM Obedience Trial

CCD & Novice	Mr Ross Carlson
Open	Mrs Ute May
UD & UDX	Mrs L Klecka

PM Obedience Trial

CCD & Novice	Mrs L Klecka
Open	Mr Ross Carlson
UD & UDX	Mrs Ute May

AM RallyO Trial

Rally Novice	J Morrison
Advanced A & Excellent A	Ms Y Ross
Advanced B & Excellent B	Mr Mark Klecka
Rally Masters	Mr G Parsons

PM RallyO Trial

Rally Novice	Mr G Parsons
Advanced A & Excellent A	Mr Mark Klecka
Advanced B & Excellent B	J Morrison
Rally Masters	Ms Y Ross

Note: The club reserves the right to substitute and/or add to the judging panel as required.

Entry Fees: \$12 per trial (including catalogue)

Checkin: AM Trials 8.00am -8.30am
PM Trials 11.30am – 12.00 noon

Judging: AM Trials - 9.00am
PM Trials - not before 12.30pm.

Conditions of Entry: for Open and UD please show clearly correct **Obedience Height Category**.
for RallyO please show clearly correct **Rally Jump Height** of dog.

Awards Obedience Trials: for each trial and class Place Sashes and Title Sashes
Sash and prize to HSIT (CCD not eligible) for each trial

Awards RallyO Trials: for each trial and class Place Sashes and Title Sashes

Entries to Obedience Trial Manager, Ms P Mann, 30 Lawrie Drive, Alfredton, Vic. 3350.
Ph: 53 341586 (no calls after 9pm).
Cheques to be made payable to Ballarat Dog Obedience Club Inc.



flyball

fun runs for dogs

- Danielle Kirkham , Flyball Coordinator

**WANT TO TRY FLYBALL?
COME AND TALK WITH A FLYBALL
INSTRUCTOR
Beginner training
11.10 am each Sunday**



Beginners: please help set up the flyball equipment before 10 am. If unsure, please ask how you can help. It is a good way to learn more about flyball.




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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
SHARON AND COPPER
FOR GAINING THEIR
“FLYBALL DOG” TITLE
ON FEBRUARY 20TH AT
THE SEYMOUR
COMPETITION.**

 **The first month of club is over** and now we have settled back into training on a Sunday again. When you have finished your obedience training why not come over to Flyball and have a look at what else is available for you and your dog within our club. Especially if your dog is ball crazy!

Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs. Each dog must jump four hurdles, collect a ball from the flyball box and return over the four jumps. Dogs of any size, shape and description enjoy flyball.

To begin in flyball, your dog should:

- Come when called
- Retrieve (preferably a ball, but not essential)
- Be fit and healthy
- Have a good temperament with people and other dogs.
- Be able to work off lead (i.e., not run away)

We strongly encourage all beginners to continue with obedience, as flyball, like the other club activities, is based on basic obedience exercises. If you would like to try flyball, but think your dog is not up to the above requirements, come and have a chat anyway.

Competition Report February and March.

KORUMBURRA FLYBALL COMPETITION FEBRUARY 13TH :

We sent 1 team with Harriet the Papillon as the height dog. Max, Beau, Jacqui, Bodie and Wombey. It was a quiet enjoyable day and we were very happy to come 2nd within our division. All the dogs ran well.

S.A.F.E LOYALTY CHALLENGE (SEYMOUR FARMING EXPO COMPETITION) FEBRUARY 20TH :

This is always one of our favourite ones. We go up the night before and camp at the Goulbourn river with the other clubs and socialise all night. Then go to the competition which is at the best Agricultural Show ever (if you have not been then you need to go. It's worth it.) then we all come back to the Goulburn river and swim the dogs and ourselves and have an enjoyable relaxing evening before travelling home the next day. Overall, a great weekend with our dogs. And to top it all off our team came first!

Congratulations to Jenny and Harriet, Sharon and Copper, Liz and Tilly, David and Wombey, Karen and Jacqui and Claire as Boxloader. An extra congratulation to Sharon and Copper as it was his first ever full competition and he ran perfectly all day!

Our next competitions will be in April. We have the Black Hawk Challenge hosted by Frankston Obedience Club on April 2nd, followed by the Ringwood Highland Games on April 3rd. Then we have the 2 day competition at Hastings on April 23rd/24th. It will be a very busy month!!!!

Tracking

- John Hodges, Tracking Coordinator



Well we have started tracking again, back to getting out of bed at 6am, dog sitting there as much as saying "Come on I have been waiting 5 months for this day to come" TOOT TOOT Raeleen is here to pick me up, next thing we are at Vic Park surrounded by all our Tracking group from last season. It was a small & easy day with only 16 dogs there but I am sure our group will grow, as we have a lot of

younger dogs this year our Trophies may be a bit short this season.

Our tracking workshop is coming up soon, on Saturday 19th March at the clubrooms & surrounding areas, if you are interested see Jan or John.

We will be training in Vic Park till the 1st weekend in May & then we return to the HADDON GUN CLUB where we will stay for the rest of the season. The first Trial for the year for us is Knox Obedience Club on the 7th & 8th May held out at Haddon. I wish everyone good luck with your dogs for the season ahead, do not forget you only get out of your dog what you are willing to put in. So listen to your instructor & train hard. Till next month, good luck.

John & Jan

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC.

PRESIDENT

NORM BAKER

SECRETARY

BILL REYNOLDS

NOVICE TO ALL INTERESTED TRACKING MEMBERS

A TRACKING SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON SATURDAY 19TH MARCH STARTING AT 10AM

AND HOPEFULLY FINISHING BY 3.30PM

GLENN BAKER GOLDSMITH =====MALCOME BIRD=====PATT'MANN

C O S T \$ 1 0 P E R P E R S O N

LUNCH—DRINKS—AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDE-1)

AS THERE WILL BE A SHORTAGE OF TIME AFTER LUNCH, WE WILL ONLY BE DOING THE OUT OF TOWN DOGS
IN THE PRACTICAL SESSION.

ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

JOHN HODGES TRACKING COORDINATOR

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- Clipping

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Affordable Prices

Sam will be at the clubrooms every second Sunday to cut your dogs nails.

Her prices are

Dew claws \$2.00 Nails \$5.00

Trim fur on face & around their bottoms \$5.00

A percentage of this will go to the club.



Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers,
but seldom, if ever, smell one another?