

# BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

## K9 AUGUST to SEPTEMBER 2014

PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

## Presidents Report.

G'day Everyone,

To all who made it to the Trivia night - What a blast! A real success - I can't report on exactly how much money we raised - but I do know heaps of fun was had by all! Many thanks to all involved - as always a collaborative effort, but I've gotta say extra big thanks to Glenda and Annette.

Our annual general meeting - AGM - is on the first of September - you have received the notification and nomination forms along with your annual subscription. We'll need a new President and Vice President as Stephen & I can't stand again for the positions as our constitution has a three year maximum. All positions are, of course, up for grabs! If you are interested - in any way - please drop in at the office and ask - or email me.

If the prospect of a committee position is a bit daunting - but you'd like to help out - please let us know. Think of each of the Committee positions as heading up the various functions of the club - eg. The grounds management - you might like to help out with setting up or taking in the equipment - Do you have a particular skill? Legal, accounting, local government, landscaping - the club needs a hand in every area you can think of - and you don't have to join the committee - helping out from time to time spreads the load! You get the idea...

Unfortunately the council has decided that it won't fund drainage works for the remainder (eastern side) of the grounds - rather disappointing to say the least. We can apply for 2016 minor capital works - but no guarantees - we were lead to believe that the remaining works would be covered by funds from the 2015 minor capital works budget.....

What do you think? Should we "go it alone" and pay for it all on our own - or wait and see, that'd mean another one - minimum - winter with our grounds - half our grounds, the half with the off leash area - pretty soggy and unusable. You've probably noticed that we removed the gates as people using them during the week were simply wrecking the grounds such that we'd have to do repair/levelling/etc work if we let it continue. The cost will be in the order of \$18,000.....it's your club, let the committee know what you think, join the committee and help with the decision and the logistics of getting the issue resolved.....,

### In This Edition

- President's Report
- Ruzzie's 2014
- A trained dog is a happy dog
- Agility—come along
- Ground Rules



That's all for now, the next report will be from our new President, a huge thankyou to the committee, instructors & helpers who make it all happen every Saturday.

Make sure you have fun with your FC (Faithful Companion)  
Happy Training Ron



## Got some spare time?? Can you help out ??

Do you enjoy meeting new people.

Why not come and join us??

If you have some time to spare, we would love it if you could give some time to help the club.



Help with the barby

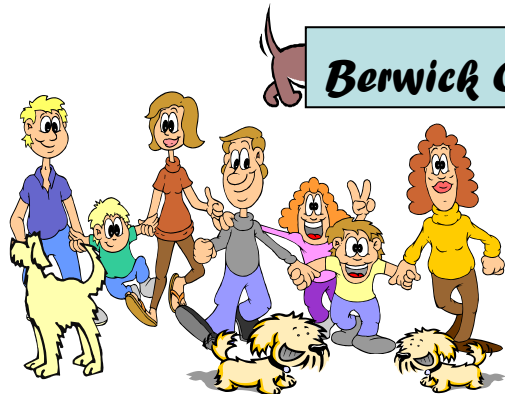
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Kitchen

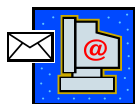
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New members will be enrolled on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Saturday of each month from 12.30pm.

Please bring along your dog's current vaccination certificate.



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Phone 9796-9496



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Narre Warren North.  
Victoria 3804  
Melways Map 108 Ref E8

# HEAT POLICY

When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news is greater or equal to 30 degrees celsius the club will **NOT** be open on that Saturday. Alternative training is held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm regardless of the temperature. If the temperature changes on the Saturday morning to below 30 degrees, the club will still remain closed due to administrative activities.

## Club's Shop

For more info see full page advertisement in newsletter



For all your puppy needs, visit the club's great shop & speak with staff about the items we have on sale - open 12.30 pm to 3.15pm

### NEWSLETTER—DATES

February—April,  
May—July  
August—September  
October—November

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Agility Competition 5th October 2014

Club Birthday Members Competition 25th October 2014

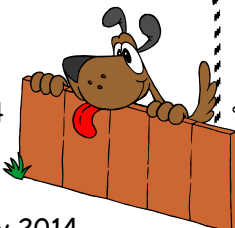
Christmas fun day 13th Dec 2014 ( final day of club for 2014)



### NO TRAINING ON THESE WEEKENDS 2014.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 8th March 2014  
Easter Weekend - Sat 19th April 2014  
Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 7th June  
2014 AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 27th Sept  
2014 Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 1st Nov 2014

**\*\* PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICEBOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION \*\*\*** "CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR" BREAK 2014/2015 CLUB CLOSED—After the club's fun day and re-open Saturday 7th Feb 2015.



## CAR PARKING



**PLEASE NOTE  
IF THE CAR PARK IS  
FULL, PLEASE DO NOT  
PARK IN THE STREET,  
AS IT IS ILLEGAL TO DO  
SO !!!!**

**IF THE FOOTBALL IS NOT  
ON, THEN PLEASE PARK  
ON THE HILL**







## Club History - Photos



### If dogs made the Rally-O signs...



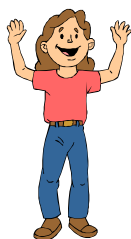
## PLEASE DO NOT

WALK YOUR DOGS ON THE FOOTBALL GROUND. WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE HERE AT THE DOG CLUB TO WALK AND EXERCISE YOUR DOG.

### THE INSTRUCTORS OBEDIENCE

Ron  
Ted  
Philip  
Sharon  
Ti-Li  
Laura  
Paul  
Alan  
Melissa  
Lara  
Colin  
Stephen  
Andrea

Alex  
Julie  
Ivan  
Karon  
Wayne  
Lisa  
Carla  
Susan  
Ingrid  
Graeme  
Don  
Heather



### THE COMMITTEE 2013/14

President - Ron  
Vice-President - Stephen  
Secretary - Glenda  
Treasurer - Annette  
Committee Members 2013/14  
Vacant X 1  
Belinda  
Fiona S  
Clair  
Deb  
Paul



KITCHEN - Glen-Courtney & Brock  
OFFICE STAFF - Annette, Tracey, Deb, Terrie, Fiona S, Daryl & Melissa.  
HELPERS— Fiona K  
GROUND STAFF— Alex & Barry  
TRIAL SECRETARIES— 2015  
OBEDIENCE - Lynda H  
RALLY O—Hollie E  
Contact—obediencetrial@berwickodc.asn.au

### FLYBALL

Gordon  
Belinda  
HELPERS  
Chris M  
Ula  
Craig

### AGILITY

Stephen  
Kris  
Linda  
HELPERS  
Hollie  
Janet

### RINGS

Barry

### RALLY O

Nick  
Susan



## "A Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

Lots of people ask why we should train our dogs. The answer goes back to the dog's ancestry when wolves roamed around in packs. Although the modern day dog looks different to and has generally less natural instinct than the wolf they still have the pack mentality. That is, there a leader and an order of seniority amongst the rest of the pack.

When a dog joins your family, in his view he comes to a new pack. A new order has to be established. Who is leader? Where does the dog come in the order of seniority? If nobody trains (shows the dog what to do and where he stands in the pack) then he will assume that he is leader and will try to train you. Look for signs like pulling on the leash (the dog thinks he is leading the hunt) or barking at you, jumping up and even mouthing or gently biting you. These are signs that your dog is showing you what to do - in a nice way.

If the dog has a strong leader or alpha type personality, trouble will eventuate. The dog may give you a stronger correction in the way of a bite, growl at you or show other bad behavior such as excessive protection of 'his' pack. Worse still is the poor dog whose personality is not in the least way predisposed to leading. This will show through as a nervous dog with obsessive behaviors like chewing which comforts anxious dogs, fear of strangers or other dogs and many others. Thankfully most dogs fall somewhere between these two extremes.

So to get back to the title of this very short anecdote. A dog that is certain of his place in the hierarchy of the family and obedience trained will know how to behave and what you want him to do. The dog will trust you and be much happier and well adjusted. The added bonus here is that it is a pleasure to own a well behaved dog. Congratulations on choosing to train your dog.

Suggested reading: - The dog listener by Jan Fennell.  
ISBN 0-00-653236-5  
Publisher - Harper Collins.

## Trivia Night

The trivia night was held on Saturday 26th July. A huge turn out had a great night of fun and entertainment. Below a few photos from the evening.



The Club would like to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to a number of organisations that supported the night with sponsorship and donations. These organisations are listed below. Once a huge thank you from all at the Berwick Obedience Dog Club.

- Karons Canine Cookies
- Berwick Pharmacy
- Vibrosaun
- Snap Printing - Dandenong South
- Luna Drive In
- Silver Eagleoutfitters
- Vivid Photography
- Lynbrook Pet Supplies
- Pakenham Pets
- You in Art
- Rowville Framing
- Bunnings Fountain Gate
- Ming Court Chinese Restaurant
- Free Dog Massage from Therapy 4 Cannes
- Silver Eagle/Cool Coat Champions







# Ruzzie's 2014

The flyballers held their annual Ruzzie's award on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> July on Ula's beautiful property in Macclesfield. The Ruzzie's is a fun award similar to the AFL's Brownlow award for the most consistent racing dog over the year, at each competition the teams captains will allocate 3, 2 & 1 points to the most consistent dogs of the day. The award was named after Stephen Pearson's dog Ruzzie who was a particularly consistent flyballer.

We started with a great BBQ dinner and then our guest MC Melissa Scott read out the results for the first 10 comps of the year. A quick break for some very yummy desserts and we came back for Craig to announce our Inaugural GC (Gordon Chalmers) Early Cross Award, with newcomers Monique and Matt sharing 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 11 early crossed in only 6 months racing, Belinda in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 14 and Paul Percival in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with a massive 18 early crosses! This is a new and hilarious tongue in cheek award as the early crosses are a handler mistake which result in the handler needing to rerun and often costing the win!

Back to the serious business and we announced the final few comps results and the winners for 2013/2014 with huge congratulations to

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Becky, handled by Dave Chalmers

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Shaddow, handled by Janet Fry

1<sup>st</sup> place - Ebon, handled by Paul Percival

Was a great fun night, and we look forward to the next years racing







# Fly Ball Update

Queen's Birthday weekend saw a number of flyball teams from around Melbourne and Adelaide make their way to Portland for the Battle on the Border competition on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>. I was very lucky to be travelling with our box loader Chris on the Saturday, but our hopes for a nice weekend away were not very high as the weather was awful, rain, rain and more rain, however every now and then we glimpsed a ray of sunshine.

Now for the racing on Sunday, Berwick had 2 teams entered, Burnouts in division 3 made up of Monique running Ana, Karen running Ralph, Dave running Becky, Janet running Larry and Nic running Pimms and Blitz in division 4 with Paul handling Ebon and debuting Princess, Janet running Shaddow, Frances running Stuart and Shaun running Molly, Frankie was also meant to be making a debut run but unfortunately when it got to vetting she had come into season.

The day was fine though a bit cold with the sun showing its face every now and then and racing got off to a flying start. By the end of the day the anticipation was building as to what placing we had in each division as we had raced very well and very consistently. We held our breath during presentation and as results were read out we hear "division 4 1<sup>st</sup> place Berwick Blitz undefeated all day, and also winning the challenge trophy for the team winning the most races of the day.

Then "division 3 Berwick burnouts 2<sup>nd</sup> place" another fantastic result. The race that put the biggest smile on captain Paul's face however was when he ran Princess in her first race, she was a trooper and gained her first 3 points in her first race, sending a message to all of you would be flyball handlers, please take heart, it has taken Paul 6 years of consistent hard work and training to get Princess to this stage

On closing I would like to say that all those who make flyball achievable thank you, without your help I would never have become a flyball dog, so come one, come all and join us and give your dog and yourself a rewarding pastime

From your 4 paws reporter—Stuart Little





## Yellow Bandanas

The Berwick Obedience Dog Club has available **Yellow Bandanas** to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

**The reason for needing one could be:**

- Nervousness
- Recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing)
- Unsociable to people or other dogs

**When approaching a handler and dog with a yellow bandana, we should:**

- ♦ Be respectful of their space
- ♦ Ask the handler if they are happy to socialize with your dog

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

Quite often handlers of yellow bandana dogs have put a lot of work into dealing with specific problems with them, so it would be disappointing if all their hard work was lost.

So if you feel your puppy needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. Please return them when you have finished, so that other puppies can have their turn. This is not something the BODC is forcing on handlers as it is your choice and for the wellbeing of your dog/puppy.



## Club - Hydro-Bath

The club has purchased (using funds from the chocolate drive) a hydro-bath to give your dogs a quick rinse of the little bit of mud that they might collect while training. Come the warmer months we will be able offer its use to you to use for a full wash.

Some dogs are not used to being in a hydro-bath and need to be 'trained' before they feel happy about staying in it. If you have one of these dogs please try to come outside of the rush at the end of each session, so we can spend more time with you and your dog.



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## Letter to the Editor

Just Sayin'

A dog club is made up of the best people in the world. Our dogs wouldn't love us if we weren't. Not true! Our dogs love us anyway but we are some of the best people in the world because we are here trying for our dogs. Now this is just a thought. What if we each took just a moment to talk to others in our class and really "meet and greet" and get to know something about each other and our hopes for our pooches. Do we just want them to come when we call? After a lifetime of dogs I can say that while it is the ultimate aim, it may never be completely realized because of just one more rabbit, or cat, or wonderful grandchild getting out of the car to be completely greeted properly; but as a whole, coming when called can be attained.

Or is it a matter of not peeing with excitement upon greeting visitors into your home, said grandchildren being at the head of that list along with anyone the dog has met whom it deems worthy (which is almost everybody). I can say with some certainty that this trait seems to get outgrown, but don't take my word for it and do your meeting and greeting on the front step or porch instead of inside (just in case). We are all here for our relationship with our dogs.

We need to talk to and get to know our instructors remembering that they have volunteered to help us. Everyone has different ideas about how things should be done but if you stick with it long enough you will see very sensible trends emerging. Get involved with the club and each other. You will learn as much from interacting with the others in your class as the instruction itself, as the instruction must by its very nature be repetitive. Figure out ways to suggest how things can be livened up. In other words be proactive. A club is only as good as its members. I have not been good in that regard, I seem to be a follower not a leader so do as I say not as I do.

As I recall, we spent forever in Red trying to move up and when we and our pooch finally managed to do the right thing at the right time and we moved up we were ecstatic. Meanwhile, we and they had both learned a lot (and the emphasis is on the "we" here).

We moved through the ranks through a few years and made it to Pink where we became known as "Perpetually Pink" but finally made it to Blue. We have friends who choose to stay in Pink because they know their dog's limitations but still enjoy the company of the club. Find out what works best for you and your dog. If you want more action try Fly Ball or agility. Look into doing dog trials.

Make the club work for you and by the same token you work for the club. We are now into dog trials in obedience, agility, and jumping and are again at the very bottom of the ladder. I am old and slow, and my husband can't hear but the dogs love it and don't care when we forget the pattern in the ring or don't make it in the allotted time. They have had a great day out being part of our pack.

Hope to meet you at the club. Grandma Kirchner

## Training Times

### OBEDIENCE

1.30pm to 2.15pm - Beginners & Red,  
2.45pm to 3.45pm -  
Yellow, Pink, Green & Blue  
Trial Rings 1 pm—2.30pm Advanced/Instructors  
Names must be entered on the sheet by 2.00pm  
Ring Stays at 2.30 pm  
2.45—3.45pm new to trialing

### FLYBALL

Team Training: 11.30am - 12.15pm  
Intermediate: 12.15pm—12.45pm.  
There are 2 beginner sessions: 1.00pm—1.30pm &  
1.30pm—2.00pm

**Please Note: Fly ball will only be held if instructors are available on the day.**

### AGILITY

From 11.45 pm on Saturday's.

**Please Note: Agility will only be held if instructors are available on the day.**

**We ask that all handlers who help in setting up the course MUST EITHER have their DOG placed in a crate or left in the car.**





## Off - Leash Area Rules

- \* Do not enter when the flag is displayed - Obedience, Agility or Fly ball class is in progress.
- \* Dog owners using this area are responsible for their dogs and injuries or damage caused by them.
- \* Always consult those already using the area before entering.
- \* Only stay 5 minutes if others are waiting.
- \* Clean up after your dog.
- \* Dogs showing signs of aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs must be removed from the area immediately.
- \* Maximum of 8 dogs at a time.
- \* All dogs must wear a collar and owners must carry a leash at all times while in the area.
- \* Owners must not leave their dogs unattended while in the area.
- \* No toys are to be used in the off leash area on club days
- \* Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (unless during training with a BODC instructor)
- \* No young children permitted in the area.
- \* Some of these rules are not on the fence, as they are only during club hours.



## You Know You're Are Dog Person -



When you are the only idiot walking in the pouring rain because your dog needs a walk.

When you have your dog's picture on your office desk (but no one else's).



## Members Are you able to Help??

**WANTED** someone with a small bobcat or dingo. We have a small pile of dirt to be moved and spread and a couple of small holes dug ready for concrete slabs to be prepared. If you are able to assist, please contact the club office.



**REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR DOG EVERY 90 SECONDS**



For up to date information regarding training time and tips join us on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156097671085185/>



# AGILITY

**Want to undertake  
an exciting activity  
with your dog?**

**YOU CAN START AGILITY AT BERWICK ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. FOR ENQUIRIES RE TIMES AND TO BE PLACED ON THE EMAIL LIST PLEASE CONTACT:  
KRIS FOUNTAIN [KAF@NETSPACE.NET.AU](mailto:KAF@NETSPACE.NET.AU)**

***Classes: are run prior to the 2 obedience sessions, Commencing at 11.45am***



The only requirements are that your dog is in yellow class if you want to start with the foundation class and in Pink or above if you want to engage in the higher classes. The most important thing is that you come prepared to have fun with your dog!



**For further information please contact one of the agility instructors:**

**Stephen, Kris, & Linda in the agility training area.**





# **Ground Rules 2014**

1. No bitch in season is permitted on or near the training grounds.
2.
  - (a) No dogs allowed on the ground without a leash, unless under the supervision of an instructor.
  - (b) All dogs are to be on lead between the hours of 11:30am to 4:00pm unless in the off-lead area. (Amended to include 'unless in the off-lead area' September 2007)
3. Dogs droppings to be cleaned up immediately.
4. No hitting a dog except when trying to prevent a dog from biting a person or a dog
5. No smoking in class or in any undercover areas of the Clubrooms or Sheds. ('or in any undercover areas ...' Added September 2010)
6. No dogs allowed in the club kitchen
7. Handlers must be financial members of the club to attend training.
8. No children other than child handlers to be in the training areas.
9. Children must be under direct adult supervision at all times, especially when near unattended dogs. (Amended to include 'direct' January 2008)
10. All handlers must wear their membership card when attending training.
11. The committee may require a dog to be muzzled whilst on the club's grounds & in the car park if it has bitten or shown an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people or other dogs. (Amended 'must be muzzled' to 'Committee may require a dog to be muzzled' July 2008)
12. Members have the right to appeal against muzzling.
13. Any member not complying with The Club's Rules is subject to the provisions of The Club's Constitution.
14. No training will be held if Saturday's predicted high temperature on Friday evening is greater than or equal to 30°C. (Amended to include 'on Friday evening' October 2005, Amended to '30°C' February 2008)
15. No member is to enter The Club's rings without an Instructor's authorization.
16. No member is to drive The Club's tractor without authorization from The Committee.
17.
  - (a) No passengers are to be carried on the tractor or the trailer.
  - (b) The tractor is to be immobilized when parked outside the shed
18. The minimum age of a handler is 12 years. Members under 12 years must be approved by the appropriate training subcommittee before handling a dog. Adult supervision during training sessions is required for handlers under 12 years.
19. Off leash area (Added June 2007)
  - (a) Do not enter the area when a class is in progress
  - (b) Eight dog maximum limit
  - (c) Members must consult those in the ring before entering
  - (d) Five minute maximum stay when others waiting
  - (e) Any dog showing any sign of aggression must be immediately removed
  - (f) All dogs must wear a collar
  - (g) All handlers must carry a leash and a plastic bag
  - (h) Dogs to be under constant supervision
  - (i) No children under 12 years to enter the area
  - (j) All dogs to be recalled regularly
  - (k) No toys or balls in the off leash area during club hours.
  - (l) Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (added Jan 2012)
20. That all handlers are to wear suitable enclosed footwear whilst training their dogs. Eg. No thongs or High Heels.
21. No unattended dogs are to be left in the Clubrooms.



# Club's Shop

**Did you know that the BODC has a great shop?**

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**Hours: 12.30pm—3.15 pm**

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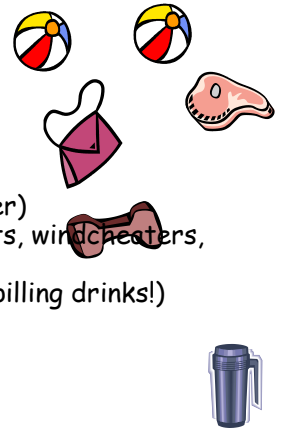
UD Articles

Show arm bands

Dog crates (By Special Order)

Club clothing (incl. polo shirts, windcheaters, vests, beanies, caps & hats)

Club travel mugs (no more spilling drinks!)



**SHOP SPECIALS**

Dog Treats for training (from 50c/bag)

Selected in store specials\* If we don't have something that you need, see if we can order it in for you.



## Club Handouts

The Berwick Obedience Dog Club has designed 2 information handouts full of great diagrams and hints to help you with some of the most asked questions about dogs.

These information brochures are now available inside the club rooms and office  
Information for the whole family

