



PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS
OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR
BODC MEMBERS**

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President's Report



G'day Everyone,

I'm the new president, or perhaps I should say recycled president - this will be my 7th "term" in the chair. I'd like say a big thankyou to Stephen for all his help and the great job he's done over the past 3 years - thankfully Stephen is staying on as Vice President (I'll take all the help I can get!!). On behalf of all members, I'd like to thank the outgoing committee mem-

bers for all the time, effort and energy that they have given to the club - sooooo much happens "behind the scenes" that is simply not obvious on a Saturday.

Our members' competition took place during the only dry (well, "non-raining") part of Saturday - I hope that everyone who participated enjoyed their run through and took the opportunity to get some one-on-one training - I thought Gary was running a class at one stage!

Unfortunately I was not on the last committee and I'm still coming "up to speed" with things. Somehow it's the end of the year

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

Ron

President
Berwick Obedience Dog Club Inc.



The club has recently 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



Conor's Corner

**TIME FOR A WELL EARNED REST - MY GOLDEN BOY.
11th APRIL 1996 to 12th SEPTEMBER 2011.**

On the 11th April 1996 a beautiful Golden Retriever boy was born with the kennel name "Tahmero Caddys Cammeryn" and I named him Conor. For the next 15 plus years this lovely boy would be my closest companion. He loved life and would always be there when I felt happy or sad. He would always do his very, very best to please me and most of all he loved everyone around him. In September 2011 it was time for him to take a well earned rest. After 15 plus fantastic years the time had come for him to meet the other Golden's that had gone before him. I am sure that when I hear the thunder in the sky it is him and all his friends playing.

I guess many of you would have spent time with him over his 12 plus years at the dog club. But for those who did not have the pleasure of meeting one of the most lovable golden's going around he is a brief summary for all of us to remember him by.

He started at the club at the age of around 6 months on a very cold and wet November Saturday afternoon and with the great help of Tracey and Bernie Gaffney he got through it although quite wet and muddy at days end, but he loved it.

Right from the start you could see that he was very good at this type training. He quickly graduated through all the classes until we hit Pink. We meet Philip for the first time. Yep he was as hard then as he is now. He kept us there for 6 months before finally getting free and going to Green then Blue. By Blue he more enjoyed the socialising rather than the training. He would take every opportunity to get a quick pat or a treat from other handlers.

As an instructor at the club he was the best training aid an instructor could have. He was the perfect demo dog. He was able to show all the exercises so perfectly which made my job very, very easy. His nature was so placid that I never had to worry about mixing with other dogs as he just accepted them all.

Sometimes during training he would happen to sneak off to get a drink??? He always managed to get pats and treats from those unsuspecting people that were sitting on hill watching the classes. Very sneaky !!!!!

He had his own column in the club Newsletter for many years called "Conor's Corner". He closing remarks would be "I think I hear dad with some snacks". Handlers would recognize him from his articles in the newsletter when I would introduce him to the classes.

He took up modelling there for a while showing off the yellow Bandanna's when we first introduced them. He was very happy to parade around the grounds wearing it with pride.

He loved to bark in the back of the car just to let me and everyone else know he was there and not out on the grounds. Yep it was a pain but that was his way of expressing himself.



Conor's corner

And most of all he was bomb proof; nothing ever put him off his game. Never involved in any altercations over his 12 plus years and loved all puppies big or small.

He loved the beach, rides in the car, his walks, food and treats. He just loved coming to dog club. He would stand at the back door doing a little dance just waiting for the all clear. He would race out the house at 100 miles an hour to jump in the back of car to get ready and dance around in circles barking. Yep it was pain but to him it was one of activities that he loved. He just loved life.

The Berwick Dog Obedience club was a huge part of his life. He loved every minute he was there. Even on those cold and raining days, he did not care as long as he out there being part of action. And at days end the run around the grounds off lead just topped off his day.

He would come with me to Puppy classes at the local vets. By class end it was about him and not the puppies as he would do the room getting pats and treats from the people. Making sure he got a cuddle off everyone!!!!

We all talk about that 1 in a million type of dog, the one that you own over your lifetime that just stands out above all the rest even thou we love them all the same. For me he was that dog. I will miss him so much.

So hopefully through this you have got to know him a bit better. I think maybe he has the record as the oldest Golden Retriever the club has ever had?? Maybe not but I know that most of you who knew him would have had to have given him a pat or a treat over his time because he made sure you knew that he was there. And I hope that those times you did spend with him were as good as all the ones I had with him.

In closing, it is a bit quiet around here with him gone and not on his bed when you come into the family room and it does seem very strange, but I am sure MJ and Wizard will change all that as time goes on.

Regards Ivan



Conor

Hi,

Just a note to thank everyone for their very kind words and thoughts in relation to me having to put Conor to rest. I very much appreciated your thoughts and wishes it made it sooooo much easier to get over the sadness of having to put him to sleep. So once again thank you to everyone for your support.

Regards Ivan

AGILITY



Frequently Asked Questions



Training times for 2011:

11.45 – 12.00
set up area

12.00 – 12.20
Preparation skills

12.20 – 12.35
equipment set up

12.35- 12.55
Handler and dog skills

12.55- 1.10
Instructor training

1.10-1.30
Course work

1.30-1.45
pack up

Introduction

The first documented agility "demonstration" was held at Crufts in the late '70s. The demonstration's creator borrowed from police and defence force dogs' training, and from horse showjumping. By 1980 it was recognised officially as a "dog sport" in the UK, and expanded rapidly to the US, Canada, Europe and Australia. The object is for the dog to negotiate a "course" of obstacles without fault, with the placings decided on the fastest times for a clear run.

What are the obstacles?

Jumps : Tyres, bar jumps. spreads & broad jumps

Tunnels: eg flexi

Contacts:

- A-frame (steep ascent/descent)
- Dog walk (shallower ascent, long straight plank, shallower descent)
- See-saw (up, tip, down)

Table: (on, pause, off)

Weave poles:

Set of poles, usually 12, set at an even distance. The dog has to weave through each gap to negotiate the next pole on the other side.

When can I start my dog?

It is generally accepted that a dog shouldn't start over obstacles until they are at least 12 months old, and not do excessive "work" until they are 18 months to 2 years. However teaching the dog to negotiate obstacles (with the exception of the weavers and sometimes the contacts) is usually the easy part – directing the dog around the course is the difficult bit. The "foundation" training which will lead to both handler and dog learning the directional cues can begin at any age.

I'd like to do agility, but I don't think I would ever compete?

Many of our class participants at Berwick do it for their own and their dog's enjoyment, while others do participate in trials. Even if you are doing it "just for fun" your dog will enjoy it a lot more if you can be clear and consistent with your "cues" so classes are structured to give you those skills whether you wish to trial or not.





Frequently Asked Questions continued.

How high will my dog have to jump?

Each course in a trial is run at 5 different heights, the height at which a dog runs depends on their height at the shoulder. To trial you have to have an "official" measurement, but for club purposes we will do an informal measurement and your dog won't be expected to jump beyond their "official" height. However when you start jumps are very low to encourage confidence in the dog.

Can any type/size of dog come to class?

Yes. More important is that the dog is physically sound, healthy and not overweight.

How often would I have to train my dog?

Like any training with your dog little and often is the best formula. If you can spend 10-15 minutes 4 to 5 times a week it will be enough to progress.

Will I need my own equipment?

Everyone starts with no equipment. If you enjoy the training you will probably want to construct some basic equipment – jumps and weave poles can be fairly easily "created". If you become more serious you may wish to purchase some equipment, or if you have the resources, to make it. For most people regular training at club combined with some "home built" equipment is enough to reach reasonable skill levels – many of the skills are developing handling skills which can be done without sophisticated obstacles.

What are the requirements to join the class?

To start participating in the Pre agility class your dog must be in at least "Yellow" class and be able to work with a "loose lead". You must start you start with a "Preparations skills – pre-agility" class which will give you exercises to practice with your dog to prepare it for agility, you are welcome to bring any dog over 6 months to a foundation class. (This requirement may be waived if you have completed a similar

**Agility is fun
for both
members of
the team**



Resources on line:

There are many sites that you can visit the following are just a few.

http://www.cleanrun.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_id=447

<http://www.clickerdogs.com/>

<http://www.dogagility.ca/cartoons.php>



BERWICK FLYBALL RACING TEAMS

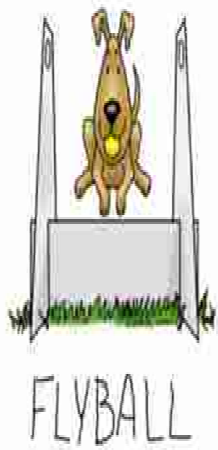
Training Times

Team Training:
(Currently being held offsite due to wet conditions)

11.00am-12.00pm

Intermediate:
12.30pm-1.00pm

Beginners:
1.00pm-2.00pm



We are soon to begin our next competition season. Flyball competitions are very exciting to watch and when held at events such as shows, draw a large number of spectators. Comps are noisy and exciting with dogs and handlers competing to be heard. If you have the opportunity, come along and see this sport in action!

Upcoming Competitions:

"On the Fly" Frankston Obedience dog club: Saturday 10.09.11

"Pets Day Out" Ballam Park, Frankston: Sunday 9.10.11

Geelong Show: Sunday 16.10.11

"Euroa Flyball Euphoria" Euroa Show: Sunday 22.10.11

"Dandy Drags" Dandenong Show: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13th November 2011

"Lilydale Flyball" Lilydale Show: Sunday 20.11.11

"Santa Ball" Ballarat Dog Club: Saturday 3.12.11

Beginners Flyball

Over recent months, a lack of instructors has meant that there is only one instructor to run the beginners class each week. Due to its nature, early flyball training is very much a one on one process. This has led to some waiting time for beginner dogs. We have now made some changes to the instructor roster to ease this process. There will now be two instructors on each week and each instructor will attend two weeks in a row to allow for more consistency for beginner dogs and handlers.

To attend a beginner flyball class, your dog requires a good recall. Flyball is an off lead sport, so when off lead and you call your dog, it is important that he/she returns straight to you. Please talk to an instructor (Obedience or Flyball) if this is an issue for you and your dog.





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.



MEMBER'S EMAIL ADDRESSES

The club would like to be able to contact members using email, this will save the club money when we need to post information and make it easier to keep you informed about special events. We are VERY conscious about privacy issues and when we send email we do not disclose your address to anyone.

The club does NOT pass on or sell any identifying membership data.

To help us out with keeping email addresses accurate and up-to-date, we'd like all members to send an email to emailconfirm.bodc@mailingaddress.org (from the address you want us to use) with the single word "email" in the subject line and your membership number (e.g. 09/XXX) AND your full name in the body of the email. (We have many members with very similar names – so we need to ensure we've got the right member)

If at any time for any reason you want your email address removed from our data base it's just as easy - send an email to:

emailremove.bodc@mailingaddress.org (from the address you want removed) with the single word "remove" in the subject line and your membership number AND full name in the body of the email.



Has your dog recently suffered an injury or had surgery? Are they living with a chronic condition such as arthritis? Is your dog fit, healthy and active but you want to optimise your canine's athletic performance? Or do you just want to ensure the best for your canine companion. If so, then why not try Canine Myofunctional Therapy (CMT)

Benefits:

- ☐ Increase flexibility
- ☐ Enhance performance
- ☐ Improve muscle function and tone
- ☐ Reduce pain and discomfort
- ☐ Promote circulation
- ☐ Improve socialisation
- ☐ Enhance health and wellbeing

K9 Therapeutics:

- Provides professional, therapeutic canine massage
- Offers a fully mobile service
- Flexible appointments
- Services the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges

Fees:

- Initial consultation and massage \$70
- Therapeutic Massage \$60
- Discounts available to club members

For more information and to arrange an appointment contact:

Julie Schlemmer

0437 950 790

ABN 68 871 678 731

Prices valid until December 2011. You may be asked to consult with your vet prior to treatment

Julie Schlemmer gained her qualifications in Canine Myofunctional Therapy from the National College of Traditional Medicine (NCTM) and is a member of the Small Animal and Equine Naturopathic Association. She has a Certificate III in dog behaviour and training (NDTF) and experience as professional dog trainer. She has over 24 years experience in health care as an Occupational Therapist.





Lost Pets????

Animals collected by the City of Casey Local Laws team are impounded at the Lost Dogs' Home. As pets are impounded, they are photographed and their details are published on this website (<http://petsdatabase.casey.vic.gov.au/petsdatabase/petsListing.asp>).

Pound location

If you have lost your dog or cat you should call the Lost Dogs' Home Animal Pound

The Lost Dogs' Home

South Eastern Pound
920 Thompsons Road
Cranbourne West
Phone 03 9702 8055
Monday to Friday: 10am - 6pm
Saturday and Sunday: 9am - 1pm
Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm
Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday



BODC TWILIGHT TRAINING 2011/2012



Twilight training takes place on Wednesday evenings.

Time 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday night training is a less formal training session than Saturdays, where handlers and dogs from all levels join in together and do a variety of exercises and play some games.

All members welcome!

Lisa (on behalf of Obedience Sub Committee)

Dr Bob Cavey is now at Ultimate Veterinary Clinic



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on presentation of current membership badge**



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

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
- * No young children permitted in the area.



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Web: www.poundroadvet.com



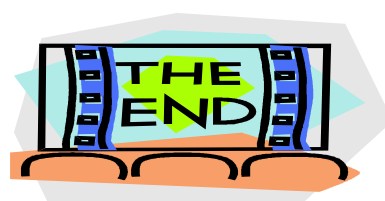
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or DESEXING**

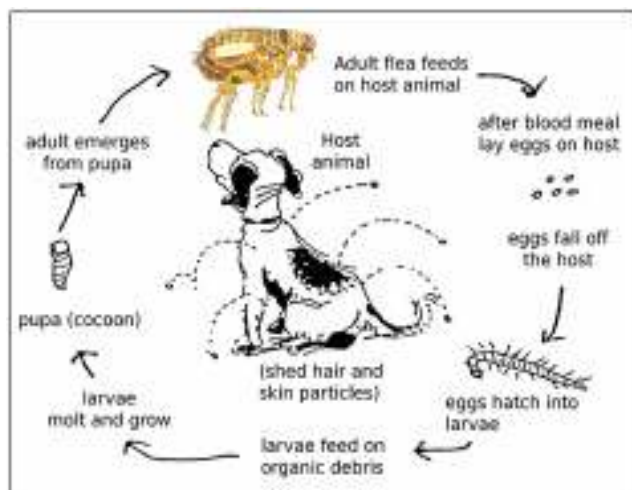
Limit of ONE coupon per customer

Want to go to the Drive In

Great Gift Idea!!!!!!



The Dog Club is offering **Family Passes** to the Dandenong Lunar Drive In for just **\$25**. Please note it is for the first session only. To purchase your pass please ask at the office. The ticket is for a car load (as many as you can in your car in a safe fashion) and you can take your dog.



How much is that doggy in the window?

Did you know that the BODC has a great shop?

With friendly service and prices well below your regular pet shop!

Hours: 12.30pm—4.00pm

Why not come in and check us out for your obedience training, agility, flyball and trialling gear needs.



The club shop has on sale Advocate, Revolution & Sentinel Flea products way below Vet and Pet Store Prices starting from \$46.00.

Berwick Obedience Dog Club Members Price List

ADVOCATE

4 to 10 kg	\$50.00	(3pk)
10.1 to 25 kg	\$55.00	(3pk)
	\$95.00	(6pk)
OVER 25 KG	\$60.00	(3pk)
	\$100.00	(6pk)

REVOLUTION

5.1 to 10 kg	\$48.00	(3pk)
	\$80.00	(6pk*)
10.1 to 20 kg	\$53.00	(3pk)
	\$87.50	(6pk*)
20.1 to 40 kg	\$58.00	(3pk)
	\$95.00	(6pk*)

SENTINEL

4 to 11 kg	\$80.00	(6pk)
11 to 22 kg	\$85.00	(6pk)
22 to 45 kg	\$90.00	(6pk)

*Includes Bonus Canex Wormer

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- Collars - Limited slip collars*
- Correction chains*
- Gentle leaders*
- Training collars
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- Car harnesses
- Treat pouches
- Kongs & Treat balls
- Squeaky toys (for training)
- 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)

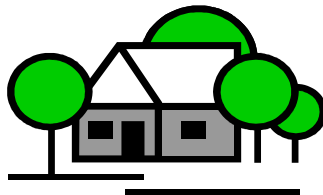
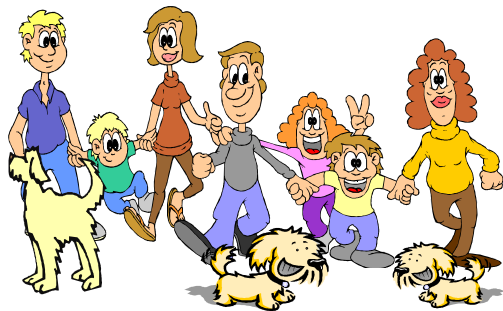
Selected in store specials

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





Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter



FIND US AT:

McKenzie Lane, Narre Warren
North.
Victoria 3804

Melways Map 108 Ref. E8

<http://www.berwickodc.asn.au>

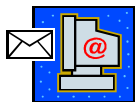
New members will be enrolled on the
first (1st) Saturday of each month from
12.30pm

Please bring along your dog's current
vaccination certificate.

CONTACT US AT:

Berwick Obedience Dog
Club, P.O. Box 23,
Narre Warren North 3804
Phone 9796-9496

berwickodc@fastmail.fm



CAR PARKING

If the Car park is full, please park on the hill between the
Football Ground and the Dog Club, Parking on the street is
NOT allowed, as it is illegal to do so!!!!

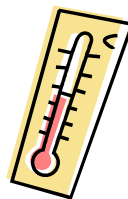


Parking on the grassy hill is available if the oval is not in use.

"WHEN THE CLUB IS CLOSED"

REMEMBER:- When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news is
greater than or equal to 30c the club is closed.

*** PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICEBOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION***



Labour Day Weekend - Sat 12th March 2011
Easter Weekend - Sat 23rd April 2011
Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 11th June 2011
AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 1st Oct 2011
Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 29th October 2011

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR BREAK 2011/2012
CLUB CLOSED - AFTER OUR XMAS FUN DAY DEC 3rd DEC 2011
& WILL RE-OPEN SAT 4TH FEB 2012



Training Times

OBEDIENCE

1.30pm to 2.15pm - Beginners & Red,
2.45pm to 3.45pm - Yellow, Pink, Green & Blue
Trial Rings 1pm - 2:30pm Advanced/Instructors
Names must be entered on sheet by 2pm
Ring stays at 2:30
2:45 - 3:45 New to Trialling

FLYBALL

Team Training: 11.30am — 12.15pm
Intermediate: 12.15pm — 12.45pm
2 Beginner Sessions: 1.00 pm — 1.30pm
1.30pm - 2.00 pm

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

AGILITY

From 11.45 am 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
agility course MUST EITHER have their DOG
placed in a crate or left in the car.*

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.



Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter



THE COMMITTEE

President - Ron Blanchfield

Vice-President - Stephen Pearson

Secretary - Melissa Scott

Treasurer - Daryl Scott

Committee Members 2011/12

Annette White

Nicole Kendt

Fiona Kelly

Paul Percival

Clare O'Challagan

Glenda Smith

KITCHEN - Lorraine Jack

OFFICE STAFF - Annette White, Daryl Scott,

Glenda Smith, Fiona Kelly, Tracey Gaffney

GROUND STAFF - Mark Farrell, Ted Draude



THE INSTRUCTORS

OBEDIENCE

"c" Currently Instructing

Ron Blanchfield "c"

Julie Colman

Sharon Deeker "c"

Ted Draude "c"

Philip Gates "c"

Ti-li Finn "c"

Denise Bailey

Laura Brown "c"

Alan MacDonald "c"

Cheryl Blanchfield

Bernie Gaffney

Tracey Gaffney

Alex McLaughlin "c"

Colin Newman "c"

Julie Pocknee "c"

Karon Satchwell "c"

Wayne Satchwell "c"

Lisa Sinclair "c"

Carla Thomas "c"

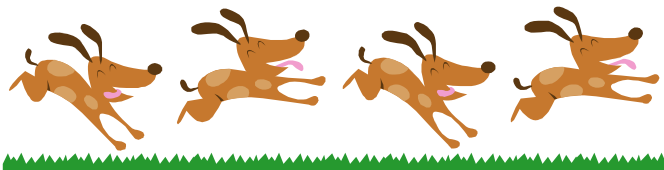
Paul Percival "c"

Andrea Schmidt "c"

Susan Scott "c"

Lara Wilson "c"

Ivan Robinson "c"



FLY BALL

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Erin Chalmers

Gordon Chalmers

Kirsten Brown

Jenni Veitch

Belinda O'Shea

AGILITY

Stephen Pearson

Lisa Sinclair

Linda Wilson

Judy Emmett

HELPER

Sharon McLeod

RINGS

Barry Cotton



CLUB RULE IN REGARDS TO HIGH TEMP. (Ground rule 14)

When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news (6pm)

is greater than or equal to 30 degrees Celsius the club is not open.

PLEASE NOTE:-

*** If for some reason the temperature changes on Saturday to below

30 degrees, the club will still remain closed as its too hard to organize

Instructors etc at such short notice***

BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.



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COME JOIN US AND KEEP
IN TOUCH
AND UP TO DATE ON ALL
THE UP AND COMING
EVENTS.

<http://www.facebook.com>

NEWSLETTER—EDITIONS

February-March

April-May

June-July-August

September-October

November—December

If you would like to contribute to K9 you can contact us at karon@abbeyparkborders.com

...Wayne & Karon Satchwell

Ps . Don't forget to check out your Newsletter in full color at

<http://www.berwickodc.asn.au>

