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Date's for your

Diary:

- 7 September– New Member's Sign Up Day
- 21 September– Trivia Night
- 28 September– DOG CLUB CLOSED, AFL GRAND FINAL
- 5 October– New Member's Sign Up Day
- 6 October– Agility Trial
- 21 October– Special General Meeting
- 26 October– Club's Birthday Fun Day

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NEWSLETTER

September/ October 2013



happy
Birthday



Committee Members, Instructors and Helpers for 2013/14

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From the President....

G'day Everyone,

Still pretty cold and wet, isn't it! The state of the grounds is an ongoing discussion - but something is being done. We've been successful in getting a small grant from council to do drainage works on half the grounds - they wouldn't come at enough for the whole grounds. We'll need to close a week early so that the works can be started such that the club is ready to kick off again on the first Saturday in February - that'll be the 1st of February. Many thanks to Mel for her tireless work on securing the grant. Our heat policy issues. We've been looking at what is available to us. The answer is - not much before getting into our VCAT ruling (for those who don't know - briefly - the club operates under a very restrictive VCAT ruling that, basically, allows us to operate ONLY on Saturdays between 11:00 and 5:00 - working on memory here, those hours might be a little out, but you get the idea). The glaringly obvious thing to do is simply start earlier instead of cancelling training - but our VCAT ruling won't allow that - the council won't/can't even let us trial the idea. To apply for an alteration to the ruling we'd need to put in significant effort in terms of membership surveys, council meetings - we really need the council to support the amendment for it to have any hope - and, of course, we'd need to meet with our neighbours to explain to them that we won't interfere with their amenity. A lot of work; however, there may be another way around it. We'll do some more investigating, and when we have all the options - realistic options - we'll call a general meeting so that everyone can have a say. Stay tuned. Again, thanks heaps to Mel for finding out what is in front of us and what we might be able to achieve. Our AGM is just around the corner. Mel and Daryl have decided the Scott's need a break from the committee. On behalf of the club I say a HUGE THANKYOU to Mel and Daryl. They've held down the Secretary and Treasurers position for several years. Mel and Daryl aren't deserting the club; they just want to train dogs for a bit!! (We'll probably even see Mel instructing again!) It's an unfortunate fact that running the club does impact on your own training - the more help we get the less that impact becomes - so if you'd like to help but feel a committee position is a bit much - drop in at the office and let us know you'd like to help out occasionally - say just half an hour or so - that might give someone a chance to get even half a class in - and that might be all it takes to keep everyone happy. The office gang will happily show you what goes where etc and before you know it you'll be a fully qualified helper - with all the perks! (Yep, that's right - perks - you'll get coffee AND a biscuit!)

That's all for now,

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

Ron

Flyball News

I have been watching the beginners and intermediate handlers with their dogs and we seem to have quite a few potential pairs coming along, for instant Peter with his Australian Shepherd "WILLOW" who is in the intermediate class has been training with the flyball team and boy how they both have come along, I'm sure it will not be long before they will be going to comps.

I must say that the beginners are strutting their stuff too, go for it class and don't forget the three P's - Patience, Practice and Perseverance, it really does pay off.

A few weeks ago we held the RUZZIES night which is similar to the BROWNLOW, the first dog ever to receive it was a border collie named Georgie owned by Erin and Gordon Chalmers in 2004, the RUZZIE medals are named after Stephen Pearson's dog who was a great flyball runner. The counting for the points runs from the 1st Sept; to the last day in June of the following year. This years count was a bit of a cliff hanger with 4 dogs all on the same number of points so after a count back a first was decided and it was "MOLLY" the Staffy owned by Belinda and Shaun O'Shea, second "SHADDOW" a border x lab owned by Janet Fry and for third place it could not be split between the other two dogs so "EBON" a Labrador x owned by Paul Percival and "STUART LITTLE" owned by Frances Cox shared the honours. Well done to all the dogs they run their little hearts out.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR HELPERS FOR OUR NATIONALS IN NOVEMBER PLEASE SEE BELINDA O'SHEA EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHEER THE FLYBALL TEAM ALONG.

After all the rain the team are looking forward to their first comp which is on SAT. 21st Sept. at the FRANKSTON DOG CLUB, if you would like to see us competing come along and give us your support.

Regards

Stuart Little

Agility News

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN 30 SECONDS?
In an agility competition some dogs can complete 24 obstacles in less time than that.



You have the perfect opportunity to see some of the state's best as well as help your club (which is run by volunteers).

On 6 October your club is running a VCA competition.

You will see the full range of skill levels from Masters to novice agility and jumping.

The club is looking for stewards and people to assist on the day. If you have never seen a competition you will learn a lot so please set aside some time it could be a couple of hours or the whole day. We welcome any time frame.

DATE: 6 OCTOBER 2013
TIME: 8.30AM ONWARDS

Interested ? Please email the
trial secretary—Kris at
kaf@netspace.net.au

Or

the **Trial Manager** Stephen at
topdog2001@iprimus.com.au



Agility News Cont..

AGILITY

**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**

Want to undertake an
exciting activity with
your dog?

Classes:

*are run prior to the 2 obedience
sessions, They commence at 11.45*

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.

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.

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 to hard to organize Instructors etc at such short notice***

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



Yellow Bandana

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

WANTED: Dog Bedding-Time to Spring Clean

Every winter the club has a drive to collect blankets, towels, bedding, etc. for the local animal shelters. The shelters do their best to take care of hundreds of homeless animals every year. During the cold weather one of their biggest challenges is to keep the animals warm and comfortable.

However as we all know the weather here in Victoria can be fickle to say the least, so we now have a new " Donation Wheelie Bin" located in the clubrooms so we can collect all year round!!!!

Our local Animal Shelters and Rescue Organisations will be extremely grateful for your help.

All donations can be left in the Clubrooms.

Thank you for your support

Food and Toy donations are always needed too, for both cats and dogs.

Proudly supporting:

Melbourne Pet Ambulance and Rehabilitation

RSPCA Pearcedale

Animal Aid Coldstream

Trivia Night



TRIVIA Night

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 2013

BERWICK MASONIC HALL

106 High Street, BERWICK

7PM



PRIZES

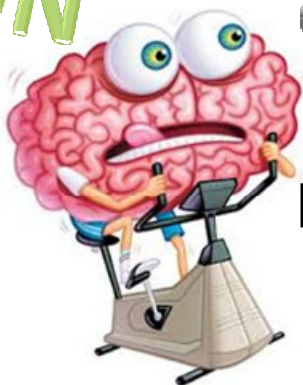
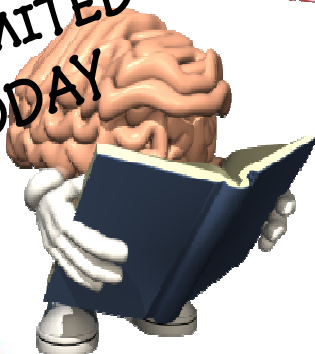
RAFFLES

PLACES ARE LIMITED
REGISTER TODAY

GET YOUR FRIENDS
TOGETHER AND
MAKE A TABLE OF TEN

GAMES

FUN



\$10 PER PERSON

TABLES OF 10

B.Y.O.DRINKS (+ glasses)

AND NIBBLES

R.S.V.P 7th SEPT.

Special General Meeting

BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NOTICE OF
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
21 OCTOBER, 2013
7.00PM

Consumer Affairs require us to register our Constitution with them
by 26 November, 2013.

This meeting has been called to add the following to our current
Constitution before registering.

'Family Extension Membership' - A new membership that
recognises family members leaving the address of the original
membership.

That the club introduce a late fee of \$10 if renewals are not paid
for by 31st August of that year.

Dr Bob Cavey is now at **Ultimate Veterinary Clinic**

Ultimate Veterinary Clinic is a family run business offering a
comprehensive range of Veterinary and Pet Health related services including:

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Berwick's Birthday Bash Fun Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BERWICK'S BIRTHDAY FUN DAY

Date: 26 OCTOBER 2013

ALL STARTS FROM 1PM

STATIONS WILL BE SET UP AROUND THE GROUND

FASTEST RECALL/ DASH COMP.

A DAY FULL OF FUN
AND GAMES FOR
BEGINNERS TO BLUE
HANDLERS

FREE BBQ

R.S.V.P
ON THE FORM
OUTSIDE THE
OFFICE



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

Reminder to all Off-Leash Area Users.

The Committee would like to remind all members of two rules for the off-leash area.

- 1) No toys or balls in the off leash area during club hours.
- 2) Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (unless during training with a BODC instructor)

These rules are not on the fence, as they are only during club hours.

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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P.O. Box 23 Narre Warren North 3804
Phone 9796-9496

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.

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.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 9th
March 2013
Easter Weekend - Sat 30th March
2013
Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat
8th June 2013

AFL Grand Final Day – Sat 28th Sept 2013
Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 2nd Nov 2013

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR
BREAK 2013/2014
CLUB CLOSED - 30th November
& WILL RE-OPEN SAT 1st FEB 2014

***** PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICE-
BOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION*****



For up to date information regarding training time and tips
join us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156097671085185/>