

# BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

## K 9 FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2014

PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

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## 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.**

## Presidents Report.

Welcome back & welcome to all our new members. The weather is not being particularly pleasant, but it is summer, so no real surprise! The committee and instructors met to discuss the clubs' heat policy and to see if there was anything we could do besides cancel training when the temperature exceeds 30 degrees during the day. With our dogs welfare in mind - there really isn't any practical alternative - we consulted directly with our local vets and several committee & instructors spent significant time researching the subject - the overwhelming consensus is that our existing policy is the right thing to do. However, we will now cater for beginners at twilight training, so if you miss your Saturday training, why not make it Wednesday evening!

Our January working bee was well attended - thank you to everyone who attended. We get quite a bit of work done at our working bees - and it's always a very pleasant social occasion.

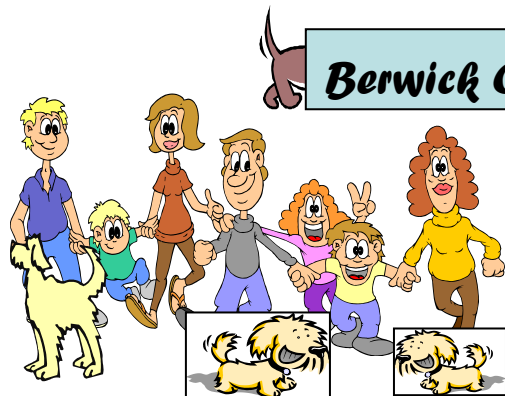
Keep an eye on the club calendar and don't miss out on the club competition and make sure you attend the fun day - always a great day.

Happy Training  
Ron



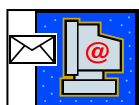
## PLEASE DO NOT

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



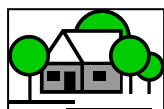
New members will be enrolled on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Saturday of each month from 12.30pm.

Please bring along your dog's current vaccination certificate.



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# 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 all your puppy needs, visit the club's great shop & speak with staff about the items we have on sale

- open 12.30 am to 3.15pm



Want to contribute to the newsletter - drop your article in to the

### NEWSLETTER—DATES

February—April,  
May—July

August—October  
November

December—Christmas Edition

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Obedience Trial 18th May 2014

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

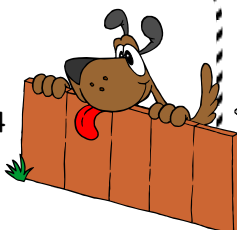
Easter Weekend - Sat 19th April 2014

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**





## Fly Ball News

On Sat 11th January the Flyball crowd fronted up at the Wonthaggi Show for the 1st competition of the year we had the BLADERUNNERS in Division 1 captained by Paul Percival, BURNOUTS in Division 4 captained by Gordon Chalmers, and BLITZ in Division 5 captained by Belinda O'Shea.

It was a great day for racing not too hot or cold with a slight breeze and did the dogs and competitors revel in it. Monique with her little staffy Ana and Peter with his dog Willow both got their FD (Flyball Dog) title. And the titles did not stop there with Gordon's Border Collie —Murray achieving 1,000 points which means Murray is now a FMCh (Flyball Masters Champion) and last but not least Dave with his Labrador Becky getting 700 points which gives Becky a FMX (Flyball Masters excellent) title.

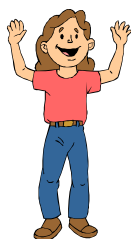
To make the day even better Karen with her Spoodle—Ralph got her badge for a perfect start at a competition (for the unknown that means the dogs has to start a run with 0.000 on the clock, good on the pair of you it looks like Craig will have to pull his socks up. The Bladerunners broke the club record by running the four dogs in the 18.000's. So everyone left Wonthaggi with smile's on their faces.

All you wanna bees come along to flyball training and see if you or your dog likes it, you never know it could become addictive. Times of training are listed in the newsletter.

From your 4 paws reporter Stuart Little

### THE INSTRUCTORS OBEDIENCE

Ron Blanchfield	Alex McLaughlin
Ted Draude	Julie Pocknee
Philip Gates	Ivan Robinson
Sharon Deeker	Karon Satchwell
Ti-Li Finn	Wayne Satchwell
Laura Beown	Lisa Sinclair
Paul Percival	Carla Thomas
Alan MacDonald	Susan Scott
Melissa Scott	Ingrid Jolliffe
Lara Wilson	Graeme Jolliffe
Colin Newman	Don Stark
Stephen Pearson	Heather Raditsis
Andrea Schmidit	



### THE COMMITTEE 2013/14

**President** - Ron Blanchfield  
**Vice-President** - Stephen Pearson  
**Secretary** - Glenda Eckhardt  
**Treasurer** - Annette White  
**Committee Members 2013/14**

Vacant X 2  
 Fiona Swallow  
 Clair O'Callaghan  
 Deb McLaughlin  
 Paul Percival



**KITCHEN** - Glenda Eckhardt, Courtney Smith & Brock Manning

**OFFICE STAFF** - Annette White, Tracey Gaffney, Deb McLaughlin, Terrie McCausland, Daryl Scott & Melissa Scott

**GROUND STAFF**—Ted Draude & Barry Cotton

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL SECRETARY**—

Lynda Hawkins

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### FLYBALL

Gordon Chalmers  
 Belinda O'Shea  
**HELPERS**  
 Chris Moore  
 Ula Lane  
 Craig Chambers

### AGILITY

Stephen Pearson  
 Kris Fountain  
 Linda Wilson  
**HELPERS**  
 Hollie Edwards  
 Janet Fry

### RINGS

Barry Cotton

### RALLY O

Nick Kirchner  
 Susan Scott

# **Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter** *Why supervising 's and 's doesn't work.*

It's sound advice given frequently: supervise your dogs and kids  
warn parents, —Don't leave the dog alone with children, no matter

while they are together. Breeders  
how friendly the breed.

Veterinarians advise, —Never leave a dog and a child in the same room together. Dog trainers explain, —All dogs can bite so supervise your dog when you have children over. Everyone knows the drill. So why doesn't it work? Why are there an estimated 800,000 Americans seeking medical attention for dog bites each year, with over half of these injuries to children ages 5-9?

Note the good intentions of the kids. Note the closed mouth and half-moon eye of the dog. The bites are not a result of negligent parents leaving Fido to care for the baby while mom does household chores, oblivious to the needs of her children. In fact, I've consulted on hundreds of dog bite cases and 95% of the time the parent was standing within 3 feet of the child watching both child and dog when the child was bitten. Parents are supervising. The problem is not lack of supervision. The problem is no one has taught parents what they should be watching.

Parents generally have not received any education on what constitutes good dog body language and what constitutes an emergency between the dog and the child. Parents generally have no understanding of the predictable series of canine body cues that would indicate a dog might bite. And complicating matters further, most parents get confused by the good intentions of the child and fail to see when a dog is exhibiting signs of stress. The good news is all of this is easy to learn! We can all get better at this.

Here is a simple list to help you improve your supervision skills:

Watch for loose canine body language. Good dog body language is loose, relaxed, and wiggly. Look for curves in your dog's body when he is around a child. Stiffening and freezing in a dog are not good. If you see your dog tighten his body, or if he moves from panting to holding his breath (he stops panting), you should intervene. These are early signs that your dog is not comfortable.

Watch for inappropriate human behaviour. Intervene if your child climbs on or attempts to ride your dog. Intervene if your child pulls the ears, yanks the tail, lifts the jowls or otherwise pokes and prods the dog. Don't marvel that your dog has the patience of Job if he is willing to tolerate these antics. And please don't videotape it for YouTube! Be thankful your dog has good bite inhibition and intervene before it's too late.

Watch for these three really easy to see stress signals in your dog. All of them indicate you should intervene and separate the child and dog:

Yawning outside the context of waking up. Half-moon eye - this means you can see the whites of your outer edges of your dog's eyes.

Lip licking outside the context of eating food. Watch for avoidance behaviours. If your dog moves away from a child, intervene to prevent the child from following the dog. A dog that chooses to move away is making a great choice. He's saying, —I don't really want to be bothered, so I'll go away. However, when you fail to support his great choice and allow your child to continue to follow him, it's likely the dog's next choice will be, —Since I can't get away, I'll growl or snap at this kid to get the child to move away. Please don't cause your dog to make that choice. Listen for growling. I can't believe how many times I've heard parents say, —Oh, he growled all the time but we never thought he would bite. Dog behaviour, including aggression, is on a continuum. For dogs, growling is an early warning sign of aggression. Heed it. If growling doesn't work, the dog may escalate to snapping or biting. Growling is a clue that you should intervene between the dog and the child.

To pet owners, particularly those who also have children, thank you for supervising your dog! As a dog trainer and mother of two, I know that juggling kids and dogs is no easy feat. It takes patience, understanding, and a great deal of supervision. I hope these tips will help you get better at supervising.

If you want more information about this topic, a great resource is Colleen Pelar's book *Living With Kids and Dogs Without Losing Your Mind*.



## Welcome to Rally - 2014

Rally or Rally-O (obedience) provides all club members a way to improve their dog and handler teamwork. Working independently or with an instructor the Rally courses can help the dog and handler team improve basic skills. The Rally courses are for all levels of training (beginning, red, yellow, pink, green and blue). The courses are different each week so no matter what your level look for the Rally course and practice your skills.

In 2014 Rally will be supported by instructors Susan Scott, Lisa Sinclair, Julie Pocknee, Doreen Tudge and Nick Kirchner. The group of instructors will be glad to help you get started. Susan, Lisa, and Doreen were all very successful at Rally trials in 2013 attaining several titles for their dogs. Good Effort!

No matter what level you are in this year look for the Rally course and give it a try each week. You'll be amazed at your progress.

See you there, Nick and Team Rally.

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



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# 5 FAST FACTS ABOUT AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

**Personality** - The Australian Shepherd is quintessentially a working sheep dog but has been taken into thousands of homes around the world as a pet and companion. It is fun-loving and loyal but needs daily exercise and stimulation to keep it happy and healthy.



**Favourite Activities** - This dog will excel at all dog sports, especially agility. It will lap up a game of soccer with the kids in the garden and will retire happily at night after a good daily outing with its guardian. Unless given enough exercise and mental stimulation, your Aussie Shepard may become problematic.

**Backyard Requirements** - Although this breed is highly active, it does not need an enormous backyard, as long as it receives sufficient exercise every day.



**Watchdog Qualities** — The Australian Shepherd is a guard dog by nature and will alert you to strangers with a typical Australian Shepherd - sounding bark or howl.

**Hereditary Diseases** - The most important things to look out for are Hip Dysplasia and eye problems, although the breed can also suffer from Von Willebrand's disease. Good breeders will test for many of these problems. It is also a good idea to see the pup's parents if possible when buying



Source - Dogs Life - May/June 2006 -  
Universal Magazines - North Ryde NSW.

# 5 FAST FACTS ABOUT BORDER COLLIE

**Personality** - An intelligent and energetic breed, the Border collie is a loving and friendly dog that must be included as part of the family. Its keen, alert and eager nature is coupled with a kind temperament. This highly loyal dog is extremely mentally active and needs lots of attention and enjoys socialisation.



**Favourite Activities** - These working dogs are easily trained and thrive on activities that involve mental stimulation. They love daily walks or a fast game of catch. If they are allowed to do what they please or are deprived of exercise and mental stimulation, they will become bored and get up to mischief.

**Backyard Requirements** - They need a clean environment, fresh water and shade. They also need a reasonably sized backyard with plenty of things to keep them occupied. Regular long walks are essential.

**Watchdog Qualities** — Border Collie's can be good guard dogs, because they are so alert and agile. They will generally bark at anyone lurking around the house and will probably round up any burglars!



**Hereditary Diseases** - Ceroid Lipofuscinosis and Collie Eye Anomaly can now be checked for through DNA testing of the parents. They can also suffer from Hip Dysplasia. For further information on any problems can be found at [www.bccnsw.com](http://www.bccnsw.com).

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## "Members Competition Results - 30th Nov 2013"

Congratulations to the following members on their achievements(& apologies for any spelling errors).

### Yellow #1 - Judge Alex McLaughlin

- 1st Leah Cridland & Mesha - 88 points
- 2nd Michael Westall & Harley - 67 points
- 3rd Nicole DeLorenzo & Benson - 59 points
- Encouragement Julia Capa & Timmy

### Yellow #2 - Judge - Not written

- 1st Vito DeLorenzo & Jorge - 94 points
- 2nd Christa Dertel & Tosca - 86 points
- 3rd Linda Muldoon & Jasper - 83 points

### Pink - Judge Carla Thomas

- 1st Daryl Pitcher & Milly - 96 points
- 2nd Deb Dunn & Ollie - 85 points
- 3rd Maureen Taylor & Sam - 85 points
- Encouragement Ros Meadmore & Dickens

### Green #1 - Judge Karon Satchwell

- 1st Courtenay Smith & Lilly - 92 points
- 2nd Meera Chandra & Jax - 84 points
- 3rd Nick Kirchner & Mamie - 59 points
- Encouragement Erin Engellinner & Brandy

### Green #2 - Judge Wayne Satchwell

- 1st Cheryl Wills & Wizard - 93 points
- 2nd Matt Haines & Finn - 77 points
- 3rd Ian Bidgood & Mickey - 53 points
- Encouragement Les Brown & Millie
- Encouragement Katrina Wenzler & Ice

### Blue #1 - Judge Barry Cotton

- 1st Marilyn Kirchner & Lady - 168 points
- 2nd Graeme Jolliffe & Rusty - 156 points
- 3rd Walter Imfeld & Asha - 154 points

### Blue #2 - Judge Hollie Edwards

- 1st Sue Brown & Muttley - 180 points
- 2nd Lisa Sinclair & Coffee Crème - 164 points
- 3rd Lorraine Pope & Danny - 116 points



### Rally O - Yellow

- 1st Christa & Tosca - 95 points
- 2nd Michael & Harley - 93 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda & Jasper - 90 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Glenda & Mollie - 89 points & Jim & Jasper - 89 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Leah Cridland & Mesha - 88 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nic Hobbs & Pimms - 85 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Peter & Addie - 83 points

### Rally O - Pink

- 1st Kristan & Charlie - 97 points
- 2nd Deb Dunn & Ollie - 96 points
- 3rd Di & Pie - 90 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ron & Korie - 86 points

### Rally O - Green/Blue

- 1st Ingrid Jolliffe & Lucee - 98 points
- 2nd Lorraine Pope & Robbie - 97 points
- 3rd Michael Hook & Keisha - 95 points
- Encouragement Clare O'Callaghan & Riley
- Encouragement Leah Cridland & Ridge

### Flyball - Fastest Recall - Beginners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Haines & Finn - 1.9 secs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Pope & Danny - 2.1 secs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine Pope & Robbie - 2.2 secs

### Flyball - Fastest Recall - Intermediate/Team

- 1<sup>st</sup> April Smith & Zane - 1.9 secs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Smith & Jackie - 2.2 secs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Haines & Penny - 2.3 secs
- Encouragement Nic Hobbs & Pimms

- Encouragement Monique Smith & Ana
- Encouragement Matt Haines & Penny
- Encouragement Kristan & Charlie



## 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
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### *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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- \* 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.



## Members Are you able to Help??

**WANTED** someone with a small bob-cat 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.



**WANTED** an IT person as our current IT person wants a break. We need someone to manage the IT at the club. We use Microsoft, and our website uses Word Press. They are not complex programs and you won't be left alone. 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.**