

Patron: Mrs Betty Cabena

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# NEWSLETTER

EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB



WELCOME AND HAPPY TRAINING EVERYONE!

# YOUR COMMITTEE

### Office Bearers

President	Brian Arter	9874 1432
Vice President	Graeme Carter	9887 2564
Secretary	Andrea Sciberras	9877 1528
Treasurer	Russell Gamble	9877 2135

#### General Committee

Carlene Wilson, Janelle Burns, Yvonne Kitch, Michael McNeil.

### INTRODUCTION

Our Club was formed in 1969 to cater for those owners of purebred dogs who were interested in trailing their dogs to Obedience Trial standard and has been very successful in this regard. On being granted affiliation with the Victorian Canine Association in 1979, all breeds whether registered or not have been accepted.

### CLUB RULES

- All dogs should be kept on leash at all times, excepted when given permission to work off leash in class.
- Handlers wishing to leave their dogs tied up on the Club grounds should only do so if their dogs are safe with people especially children. No dog may be tied up where it can reach another dog.
- Dogs in season should not come down to training for four weeks. This does not mean you should stop the training of your dog.
- Dogs must be immunised against distemper and canine hepatitis before coming to classes. This should also be renewed yearly.
- A dog suffering from any illness or skin problems should not be brought to classes until a Vet has pronounced the condition not contagious.
- Handler must remove their dogs excreta from the training area implements are provided.
- Physical punishment of dogs is not permitted in training classes.
- Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is disruptive.
- Instructors are not permitted to handle and train a member's dog in class.
- While at the grounds before and after classes please control your dogs.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Since my last report sadly we saw the sudden passing of our founding President, life member and Patron of our Club Geoff Cabena, Geoff passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, his Funeral was held at Lilydale Memorial Park. The celebrate was McCully a life member of our club, many thank to the members who attended the funeral.

On a lighter note our first event for the year was our Obedience Trail held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the weather was kind to us and we had a great day, many thanks to the committee and helpers who did a fantastic job.

We also had our Fun Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> March all that were there enjoyed themselves, the dogs just loved the fun and games, giving them a break from their normal obedience training.

Once again thanks to Andrea and Russell for their work in organizing the day, thanks also to Janelle, Graeme, Yvonne and John Yvonne's husband who barbecued the sausages, for their work on the day.

Happy Training

Brian Arter

# FUN DAY RESULTS

Congratulation to all the winners

#### **Mini Agility**

1st Rowan Clark & New 2nd Graeme Carter I & Rusty 3rd Nicole Elsegood & Aisha

**Dog and handler Race Girls** 1st Emma Crupi & Millie 2nd Nicole Elsegood & Aisha 3rd Melissa East & Penny

#### **Dog and Handler Race Boys**

1st Brett Morris & Jack 2nd Paul Pavone & Saxon 3rd Mick Readon & Jack

#### **Fastest Eater**

1st Neil Brown & Seb 2nd Grace Brown & Sheeba 3rd James McMahon & Angel

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Linda, Paul, Laura Pavone Andrew Vivan Andrew & Emma Crupi Peter Sanelli Vanessa Nolan Suzanne, Viv, Jean Wood Kate & James Anne Maree & Perter Beirouly Ros Chaffey Bev McViiiy Kate Taylor Julie Kearon Teina Wilson Heather Hughes Christy Wilkinson Saxon & Beila Sandy Millie Jessie Suki Gemma & Mollie Molly & Erie Tully & Tara Miffin Melliandrea Zac Safferon Ollie Zac Stefi Kelpie X & Heeler German Shepherd X Fox Terrier X Jack Russell Red Heeler Border Collie X Choc Lab CKCS & Shih Tzu Westie X Bich & Shih X Bich Jack Russell Terrier Collie Rough Aus Cattle dog German Shorthaired Pointer Staffordshire Bull Terrier Maltese X Pug Golden Retriever Weimaraner Jennifer & Simon Gough Lex Van Schdulieaibure Robert Gray Anthony Zagorc Ron Law Brett & Scott Morris David Mandler Molly Rupert Tess DJ Arwen Jack & Larni Jed Whippet Golden Retriever Staffordshire Bull Terrier Maltese X Cocker Heeler X Dingo Rottweiler Heeler X

### **RENEWALS WELCOME BACK**

Melissa East Peggy Oldfield Lois Wheelahan Natalya & Josh Stone Michael Macneil Carlene Wilson Janelle Burns Graeme Carter Chantel & Richard Rawlins Laura McMahon Helen Manini Penny Bella Mike Bailey & Scartlet Miffy Minty George & Angus Rusty Max Zak Lucy Keeshond Jack Russell Terrier Labrador Retriever Irish Setter Border Collie Schnauzer Corgi, Pem Belgian Shepherd Jack Russell Terrier Rottie X kelpie Boder Collie **X** 

# **OBEDIENCE TRIAL DATES 2004**

Club	Date
Weimaraner Club Of Victoria (restricted to Gun Dog's)	Sat 17th Apr
Peninsula Obedience Dog Club	Sun 18th Apr
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 25th Apr
Berwick Obedience Dog Club	Sun 16th May
Mornington Obedience Dog Club	Sun 23rd May
Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre	Sun 30th May
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club	Mon 14th Jun
Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club	Sun 20th Jun
Hastings & District Obedience Dog Club	Sat 26th Jun
Geelong Obedience Dog Club	Sun 11th Jul
Bendigo Obedience Dog Club	Sun 15th Jul
Wangaratta K & 0 Club	Sat 21st Jul
Wangaratta K & 0 Club	Sun 22nd Jul I
Western Port Obedience Dog Club	Sat 28th Jul
Moorabbin & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 29th Jul
Sunbury & District Obedience Dog Club	Sat 4th Sep
Northern Obedience Dog Club	Sun 12th Sep
Shepparton & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 26th Sep

# EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB 2004 CALENDAR

JANUARY	18th	Committee Meeting
FEBRUARY	1st	Training Starts
FEBRUARY	22nd	Obedience Trial

MARCH	14th	Committee Meeting
MARCH	28th	Fun day
JUNE	6th	Committee Meeting
JUNE	26th	Tracking Trial
JUNE	27th	Tracking Trial
JULY	18th	Committee Meeting
SEPTEMBER	12th	Fun day
SEPTEMBER	19th	Committee Meetin
OCTOBER	31st	Obedience Trial
NOVEMBER	14th	Committee Meeting
DECEMBER	10th	Annual General Meeting
DECEMBER	12th	Last Day of Training, Fun Day

### FOR UPDATES TO THIS CALENDAR PLEASE CONSULT YOUR NEWSLETTERS

All articles etc, for Newsletter to be given to Russell Gamble or Andrea Sciberras

# **Training Tips**

Always be consistent with your training and commands, never repeat sit, sit, sit tell the dog once and if your dog does not do it, then show the dog what you want him/her to do, the same with the stands and drops. Heel off on your left foot, and leave your dog for the stays on your right foot. Hand signals are not necessary in the early stages of your training, it is a little hard trying to put the dog into the right position as well as doing the hand signals.

Please ask the instructor if you need a little extra help making your dog do the exercises. Remember to do some training during the week not just on Sundays, five minutes a day will be great. Best times are in the morning and last thing at night just before your dog goes to bed, so he/she will remember what their have learnt.

Training your dog requires large amounts of Patience and Persistence.

#### **Hot Spots**

Dogs susceptible to these they are a #@\*?= nuisance. A hot spot is a moist patch of dermatitis, which often occurs rapidly & is usually highly itchy. The more dogs scratch or chew at them in an attempt to provide some sort of relief the more they itch & the cycle goes on & on the lesion gets bigger. They can seem to come from nowhere in no time at all. They often occur commonly in long coated dogs. Golden Retrievers and Rottweilers seem to be more at risk than other breeds. The cause is usually allergy, fleabites or insect bites of some description although some dogs seem to have none of the above and it appears the heat & humidity are what starts them off. The secret with hot spots is to treat them early, before they get a chance to spread. Creams are often all that is needed to treat early smaller hot spots but as they progress oral cortisone & antibiotic therapy are often necessary.

### To all Dog Owners

Please don't forget to carry something to pick up the poo when, walking your: dog. This is required by law. You are responsible for what your dog leaves behind and you and finds can be hefty if you are caught not cleaning up the mess.

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### Vaccinations

Don't forget to have your vaccinated when the time comes around, to safe guard your dog while out and about, it is one of the requirement of the dog school so as soon as you have re vaccinated your dog please show it to your instructor.

# **BAKED BIKKIES**

Before you start, these are not always popular with dogs - however many love them.

- Ingredients: Small packet of beef or chicken stock. Cubes have too much salt, which is added to make up with water 1.5 litres. If you wish, add no name instant milk powder to the solution and mix skim milk for fatties 2 kg wholemeal flour you might prefer to make up the 2kg With a mix of flour 1.5kg and substitute lecithin and wheatgerm to make up the mix to 2kg. 165g Oatmeal 55ml Vegetable oil.
- Method: Mix the dried ingredients together. A plastic laundry bucket saves heaps of stress and mess. You can add granulated garlic and /or finely chopped parsley if you want. If you are making liver snaps that day finely chopped pieces of liver are guite happy to mince in your food processor. Remove any skin or sinews before pieces. If you are feeling generous to the dry mix and additives add the 1.5 litre of liquid, and squish around until you have a still mix. Rubber or surgical gloves make common sense - they are easier to clean than bare hands. Then, on a greased oven tray place your mix, appropriately presented for the size of your dog. Set oven at 150 celsius. Little dogs- and puppies cope with a flat biscuit easier. Roll the Mix out to the desired thickness - do it in batches and cut with a scone or bikkie cutter. Bigger dogs benefit from a sausage shape think saveloy or frankfurt. There is no time to ensure that these biscuits come out of the oven hard and dry. So just keep an eye on them after the first hour. They are the dream of a lousy cook hard and dry!ll Great for teeth and gums - with no artificial additives or food dyes

#### Do Tie Right Thing

Simpson Park and Somers Trail are only two of many designated "OFF LEASH" areas where your dog may run free.

Out of consideration for other park users, all dog owners should ensure they carry a plastic bag or some such container with which they can collect their droppings and dispose of in the bins provided, or carry home and dispose of in the way they keep their own back yard clean.

This year, Council officers WILL fine dog owners who do not carry means of collecting their dog's waste.

f you clean up your own back yard, then why not treat public property with the same care?