

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

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TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING

Beginners / Puppies	9.00 to 10.00 am	Bitches in season are not permitted at training classes. All dogs are to remain on leash whilst at training classes unless they are doing an exercise controlled by an Instructor.
Intermediate	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Advanced	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Community Companion Dog	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Novice	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Open	9.00 to 10.00 am	

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President's Report

Hello everyone and welcome back. I hope you all had a very good Easter break and took advantage of the sunshine for lots of long walks with your best fur friend. A special welcome to all our new members or to any who have been away for a while and have decided to return.

The committee and instructors have all been kept busy planning ways to improve facilities as well as our training techniques. Anne Butler and Fay Grunsell have been re-writing our instructors manual which should soon be ready for distribution to all instructors. Both these ladies are very experienced handlers and instructors and their input is greatly appreciated. A few of our instructors attended a workshop run by Steve Austin (not the film character) on identifying and how to handle aggressive dogs. Steve Austin is an Australian dog trainer, who has been training dogs for over 30 years. He is renowned as one of Australia's top animal trainers, with a particular skill in dog behaviour and training. His lifetime in dog training has seen him train animals for quarantine, search and rescue, police work, and wildlife preservation, among other roles. I was fortunate to attend the course a few years ago and we are lucky to be able to attend his classes and take advantage of his experience. We as instructors aim to continue learning as much as we can so we can pass what we learn on to our members through classes at all levels.

You will notice that there is a lot of work happening to the grounds, trying to improve the grass areas and reduce the number of bindies before summer. Thank you Kelli for all the good work. I don't know where you get all your energy but it is appreciated. We sometimes run a working bee at the grounds and must be long overdue for one, so if anyone can be of assistance at the grounds please let someone in the committee (red shirts) know.

Over the break saw the launch of the club Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/QDDTC/>). We shall try to keep lots of interesting information there for you and it will also be a site to refer to should you think that training may be cancelled due to bad weather. Thanks to those on the committee for all your efforts to get this up and running.

Speaking of bad weather, our assessment day last term was cold and wet, but we had no option but to go ahead. I wish I had a dollar for every time I heard someone blame the weather for their dog not dropping or breaking on a stay. Just goes to show that you have to train in all conditions. Despite the bad weather a good time was had by all. The BBQ went down well and lots of chocolates and other goodies were handed out at the Easter raffle.

At the next term break the club will be conducting its annual Obedience Trial with a Rally O trial to follow. If you are interesting in seeing some good working dogs you are welcome to attend the grounds to have a look. More details are provided later in this magazine.

Once again, welcome to all our new members and we look forward to training with you and having some fun.

Kathy Griffiths

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COMBINED OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

Saturday 15 July 2016

Club Grounds, Hoover Rd, Queanbeyan

OBEDIENCE (AM) RALLY-O (PM)

JUDGES

Mr Sid Schuck (NSW) CDX
Mrs Anne Butler (NSW) CCD, CD
Mr Ritchie Butler (NSW) UDX, UD

JUDGES

Mr John Green (ACT) RM, RA (A&B)
Ms Susan Turner (NSW) RN, RE (A&B)

Judging commences: 10am (Obedience) 1pm (Rally-O)
Trial Manager: Ms Poppy Maclean
Vetting Time: 9.15am to 9.45am (Obedience) - 12.15pm-12.45pm (Rally-O)
Vetting Officer: Mrs Kathy Griffiths
Dogs NSW Representative: Ms Karen Roberts

PRIZES

Cash and Sash for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places - qualifying scores only
Sash for other qualifiers
Highest Scoring Club Member - Trophy and sash

Entry fees: \$10.00 per class
\$20.00 for Rally A/E combined Entries

Entries to: **Obedience – Obedience Trial Secretary**
30 Glynn Place, Hughes, ACT 2605
Ph: 0404 441 005
Rally-O – Fay Grunsell
270 Foxlow St, Captains Flat, NSW 2623

Entries close: 24 June 2017
Catalogues: \$2.00 prepaid with entry

Extreme weather status phone: 0422 729 762

NOTE:

1. Refreshments available
2. Camping **NOT** available
3. Bitches in oestrus may not be on the grounds
4. Enter **online through OZentries**; pay with credit or Visa card
5. The Club reserves the right to make any changes that will ensure the smooth running of the Trial and also to accept or refuse entries.



Willing to help?

Club members who are available on the day and would like to help out stewarding, writing certificates, doing a bbq or setting up and clearing up

We're always grateful for volunteers!

Please let a committee member know

Your First Obedience Trial

The decision to enter your first obedience trial should be the culmination of sufficient training to ensure that competing is a happy and rewarding experience. These factors will help:

1. to be in touch with current ANKC Obedience Rules
2. you have trained your dog to the best of your ability
3. you have run through the exercises under mock trial conditions at your local dog obedience training club

What the judge is looking for:

1. enjoyment and willingness to work; fear and dislike of work shall be penalised
2. gentle and smooth handling
3. a handler shall give a command once only, except in the case of the command "Heel" which may be repeated to the dog each time the judge tells the handler to go forward
4. talking to the dog by the handler, snapping of fingers, slapping of sides and stamping of feet must be penalised
5. during the Heel routines, the handler must walk briskly with the dog at the left side. In the "Heel on Lead" exercise, the leash must be completely loose. Guiding the dog by means of the leash is penalised
6. the dog must not anticipate the handler's commands but must wait for commands

A very good opportunity to either enter or observe a trial is coming up with the Club's annual all breeds dog obedience trial being held on Saturday 15 July at our Hoover Road Club Grounds in Queanbeyan.

If you are in Community Companion Dog (CCD) level or higher, your dog may be trained well enough to participate. As your Instructor for an informal assessment. The CCD competition format and exercises are similar to the Club's CCD class.

What you need to do to enter the Club trial:

- be a financial member of Dogs NSW – the State body which oversees the running of each Club's trials;
- have your dog registered with the appropriate section of Dogs NSW (cross breed and non-pedigree dogs are included on the Associate Register). Your dog will get a unique number to identify him/her and record any passes at obedience trials;
- fill out an entry form and post it off before closing date.

If you want to have a look at dogs doing formal obedience trialling where they can gain ANKC recognised obedience titles, come along on the day, or volunteer to help out.

**If you leave the ring as if you have won the class,
your dog will never know or care**

Assessment Day – 9 April 2017

Thanks to those wonderful members and friends who helped out on the day and particularly those who volunteered to Judge, set up rings and sit at the registration table as well as dealing with various other responsibilities that needed to be done.

Beginners Ring 1 Judge: John Bernardi Assistant: Jan Loose

- 1st Karina Christensen with Levi
- 2nd Colleen Krestensen with Pippin
- 3rd Vicki Woods with Bruce



Also passed: Anthony Pulciani with Nala, Sarah Muir with Bilbo, Nicole Andersen with Kovu, Susan Powter with Kojak, Yvonne Leighton with Lola and Jean McMahon with Buddy.

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Anita Fraser Assistant: Jodie Moore

- 1st Tessria Paul with Pepper
- 2nd Luciana Giorgioni with Bona
- 3rd Tegan Hore with Izzy



Also passed: Elizabeth Pratt with Reggie, Linda Markwick with Hugo, Georgia Adamson with Comet and Lisa Van Dijk with Leo.

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Kathy Griffiths

- 1st Anthony Draffin with Oscar
- 2nd Tania Bright with Cleo
- 3rd James Barker with Jackie



Also passed: Freya Smith with Rollo.

Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Michael Ziebell

- 1st Victor Grzeskiewicz with Jaxon



Utility Dog Judge: Richie Butler
1st Susan Matthews with Teddy 190/200



Novice Judge: Anne Butler
1st Tim Duffy with Tuvok 182/200



Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Anne Butler

1st Wayne Kelly with Georgie 92/100

2nd Alec Hempstead with Max 86/100



**“Thank You” to our
instructors and volunteers
- we could not hold
classes without you**

A huge ***Thank you*** to all of you who
volunteered to take classes this term and
help out on Assessment Day



Notice Board

Check the Club Website for your Class syllabus
Be prepared for next Sunday's lesson by reading about what will be taught

See your dog's photo taken on Assessment Day

www.queanbeyandogs.org.au

These items (and more) are on sale each Sunday Morning

- a range of equipment for your dog
- dog treats – for training rewards
- treat bags - plastic lined and with velcro tabs
- poo bag holders - fasten on to your dog's leash
- ANKC Obedience Trial Rules – pocket sized books

DIARY DATES - May to July

May

13	Saturday	Royal Canberra Show Obedience trial at EPIC
25	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm
27	Saturday	Tuggernong Dog Training Club Rally O trial

June

10	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Agility Trial
17	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Obedience Trial
17	Saturday	A Pooch Affair – Doggie Day Out EPIC
24	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Double Rally O Trial
29	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

July

2	Sunday	QDDTC Assesement Day
15	Saturday	QDDTC Obedience Trial and Rally O
23	Sunday	QDDTC Term 3 commences
27	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

We raised **\$359** from the Easter Hamper Raffle!!!

This will be put to maintaining the club grounds

***Thanks to all of you for your generous donations
and to the amazing raffle sellers!***

RSPCA Million Paws Walk – Sunday 21 May

After Obedience Classes on Sunday 21 May you could head over to the Million Paws Walk. It's a great opportunity to socialise your dog and take part in all the fun events.

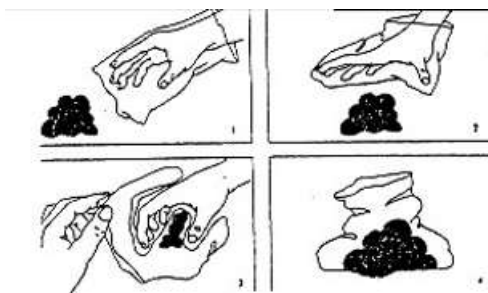
The Walk starts at @ 11am, Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, and follows the scenic path around the edge of beautiful Lake Burley Griffin.

As well as the walk, there will be entertainment, displays, stalls, giveaways and other activities.

Whatever your age, whether you're a pet owner or not, you're invited to join the fun!

For more information or to register go to www.millionpawswalk.com.au

SCOOP THE POOP



You are required to clean up after your dog if it defecates on Club grounds

You can be prepared, wherever you go, by arming yourself with a small plastic bag or two. Simply put your hand inside the bag, scoop up the offending pile, reverse your hand out of the bag and tie the neck of the bag. Then dispose of thoughtfully.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED

No dogs are permitted to be off leash in the main training grounds, or in the small fenced off training area before or after classes on Sunday mornings **WITHOUT** the express permission and supervision of one of the Club instructors

Members doing specific exercises during classes are exempt



Puppy Reunion and Dog Party

Best Friends, Fyshwick

On Saturday 22nd of April, Best Friends Fyshwick hosted a Puppy Preschool Reunion for their past graduates from the in-house puppy school. They held this event last year with great success and this reunion they invited local Canberra dog organisations and businesses to promote their services during the day.

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club had a stall and was well represented doing Rally-O and an Obedience demonstration.

We set up the Rally-O beside our stall and we all got involved, taking our dogs through the course one by one. It was a small area and yet we managed to get 8 stations in the course – well done Anne. At around 12pm Anne Butler, the chief instructor, took a few of us through our paces. Rhonda with Gryffin, Kathy with Bobby and Karen with Charlie, all did some great work. Jodie with Ziggy turned up at a little later and joined in on the demo. It was hard going for the dogs and handlers, as the BBQ (mmm... sausages!!) was right next to the demo ring.



Luckily the dogsand the handlers were able to stay focused.

We had a number of enquiries at the stall about the club, and we met a few people who have only recently joined. They are looking forward to Term 2. A big 'thank-you' goes to Kathy who was able to pick up the equipment from the club grounds, Michael who put the banner together – including a frame, and to every-one who helped and represented the club. It was good to see the red shirts/polos around.

According to Sharon from Best Friends Fyshwick..... watch this space for an October event.

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club
now has a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/QDDTC/>

Please follow the page as will have updates on weather, coming terms
and events that may be happening at the Club.