

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

# THE NEWSHOUND

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# YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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## **TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING**

Beginners	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	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Novice	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Open	10.00 to 11.00 am	

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# President's Report

Welcome every one and thank you for deciding to train your dogs with us. We will be with you every step of the way.

I will start with a quick introduction. I have been with the club now for just over 7 years, but like many of you, I started because I needed some extra guidance on training my dogs, especially Charlie. So I started the journey with my daughter who started training our other dog – Benji. Having two of us in the class meant we could inform the other family members what needed to be done to remain consistent with the training needs. Eventually after a number of years I was approached to help with the club, to put something back into the club that I have been a part of. So I became an instructor and at the next AGM ran for Secretary. I held this position until this year, when I decided to put my hand up for Presidency. And, well, here I am. From here I would like to say 'Thanks' to Fay for stepping up earlier as President, as the previous elected President had to tend to personal commitments. Fay has done a marvellous job and continues as Vice President.

I would also like to welcome the new Committee members for this year – we are all hoping to get stuff done. This includes a solid floor between the two containers and extending the roof out; we also need to do some major grounds maintenance.

This takes time, effort and money.



I can't stress this enough, we need volunteers for the time and effort parts. We have working bees throughout the year, and have one coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. An extra pair of hands means we can paint, weed, spray, clean or do the BBQ cooking.

This is the last term of the year and it will start warming up. I am not a fan of cold and neither is Charlie. Especially when I ask him to 'drop' on the icy wet ground. He gives me that look – Really.... Do I have to? And of course, the answer is... yes! you do! He usually complies, but I am sure he is not too happy about it. But training is about consistent rules and outcomes or expectations for both you and your dog.

We will be offering Rally-O this again term. If you are looking at doing other 'tricks' with your dogs, maybe this is for you. Rally-O starts after the Obedience class finishes at 11am. Please come and try it.

So here I am, still training my dog, still instructing and putting back into the community. We are all volunteers and if you would like to help and give back to the club, please see any one of the instructors or committee members – usually identifiable by the **RED** shirts.

*Karen Jenkins, President*

**[www.queanbeyandogs.org.au](http://www.queanbeyandogs.org.au)**

Visit the club website where you can:

- Download issues of The Newshound - our Club magazine - in full colour
- Check the Club Website for your Class syllabus and be prepared for next Sunday's lesson by reading about what will be taught
- See your dog's photo taken on Assessment Day

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

Visit the club Facebook page for:

- Club events
- Articles or other resources on dog training
- Photos

Changes to class times due to inclement weather  
are posted to the club website and Facebook page



**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 to help out on Assessment Day and  
Obedience and Rally O Trial





# Christmas Hamper Raffle

## Your club's major fundraiser

### Can you help?

Donations of nonperishable foods,  
small toys and gifts to fill the hampers

*Please* bring your donations to the Club on Sunday mornings and any committee member will gratefully accept them or leave them in the box, where you collect your cards for class.

### Here is a list of ideas that make great hamper additions

Jams & Syrups	Dog Treats & Toys
Honey & Spreads	Dog Shampoo, Leashes etc
Pickles & Chutney	Bubble bath/ bath bombs
Sweet & Savoury Sauces	Bath Oils
Oils – Olive/Flavoured	Shower Gels/Body Washes
Teas & Coffees	Calendars
Biscuits & Crackers	Tea towels & ham bags
Pretzels & Nuts	Canned goods like: Soups, desserts
Chocolates & Sweets	Little Xmas Cakes/Puddings

### OR – ANYTHING CHRISTMAS

Tickets are available for selling to family and friends from your  
trainer or the club shop

**HAMPERS** will be drawn in time for Christmas on  
**Assessment Day – 16 December 2018**

Need more info: [www.queanbeyandogs.org.au](http://www.queanbeyandogs.org.au) or  
[www.facebook.com/QDDTC/](https://www.facebook.com/QDDTC/)

Or talk to a club volunteer (in the red shirts)



# Assessment Day – 23 September 2018

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Eldridge with Storm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Martin with Ava
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Donoghue with Bailey



Also passed: Belinda Cordwell with Louie, Andy Horton with Winston, Katrina Rolls with Opal

## Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Michael Ziebell

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kurt Williams with Diva
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kylie Horton with Lawrence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Woodward with Stella
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Jin with Zach



Also passed: Cindy Williams with Dash, Klass Pichelmann with Onippa

**Beginners Ring 3 Judges: Jan Loose and Vanessa Tuckfield**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Irving with Poppy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fay Grunsell with Bobby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Smith with Mika
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Colin Dawes with Maggie



**Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Rhonda Daley**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dominic Eramo with Ezra
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Therese Flapper with Widgiewra
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Spinoccia with Caleb



Also passed: Karen Cocks with Harper, Paul Livingston with Arlo, Jo Livingston with Louie, Julie Hogan with Jack

**Advanced Ring 5 Judge: Carmen Kong**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rosalind Bush with Velvet



**Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Anne Butler**  
1<sup>st</sup> Karen Roberts with Belle 87/100



## Special Achievements

Some of our members take their dogs to official trials.  
Here are their stars - you see them training most Sundays!  
Ask them any questions about trialling and other competitive sports

### **Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience trial – 25 August 2018**

Carmen Kong	<b>Happylea Upper Class RA JD GD SPD (Ben)</b> Community Companion Dog	87 /100 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
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*This gives Ben his Community Companion Dog (CCD) title.*



## Meet the Instructor: Michael Ziebell

*How long have you been training your dog(s)?*

About 14 years, I started in 2003.

*What do you like most about training your dog(s)?*

To see the improvement over the course of time, when you look back one or two years and think of how well they are now heeling or the fact they can actually stay for one minute, that is rewarding. The other thing is how happy my dog is coming to training, as soon as turned down Hoover Road she was so excited.



*What has been the best bit of advice you've received about dog training and why?*

Be opportunistic, if your dog is sitting then say 'sit'. Build up the word / command association at every opportunity. If your dog drops and you haven't told it to, then say 'drop' and give it a treat. This can be used to modify a behaviour by putting the behaviour on cue, if they bark a lot then say 'speak' and reward, when they stop say 'quiet' and reward. Eventually it can get to a situation when they will bark primarily on the 'speak' command and if they are barking when you don't want them to, you can say 'quiet' and they should stop.

*Why did you decide to be an instructor?*

I was asked!!! I do have a bit of teacher blood in me, my two sisters, one brother and now my daughter were / are teachers. So it was probably a natural progression once we passed Advanced.

*What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?*

To stop talking and get the class doing stuff. I tend to ramble on. It is always a challenge to assist with someone who needs a bit more help whilst not abandoning everyone else.

*How do you spend your time with your dog when it's not Sunday morning?*

My dog Bumby died last year and we used to do a lot of walks, not just around Jerra but around the whole of Canberra and down the coast. She loved car trips, I would have to have the window down even in the middle of winter so she could poke her head out into the wind. She was a good supervisor, overseeing all the work I was doing around the house and nuzzling up every now and then to make sure I would have a break and play ball. I look after my son's girlfriend's two whippets a fair bit now and they like walks and supervising as well.

## Meet the Instructor: Tim Duffy

*How long have you been training your dog(s)?*

While my family have always had dogs, the training of them was usually left to others. It was only when I got married and had children that it was realised that the animals should be trained, and most of the training was left to my wife Jean. I did not get into training until about ten years ago when we had two German Shepherds and they had to be exercised by both of us. We tried a number of methods and training facilities, all OK to a degree, but it was when I was introduced to this club that I got the real feel for training.

*What do you like most about training your dog(s)?*

Tuvok loves training: his tail keeps wagging and he gets really excited when he learns a new command. He will test me, and look at me strange when I give a verbal command but the wrong signal. When we're working together and getting things right, it really gives me a buzz, there's a real feeling of harmony and we both feel it, great feeling. I just wish we had more such moments, but there are some days when he tests me!



*What has been the best bit of advice you've received about dog training and why?*

A lady who is an instructor at the club advised me to come along and just watch for a few weeks before deciding. She knew I was struggling with training Tuvok and that advice has allowed Tuvok and myself to become a real team.

The other important piece of advice was being patient and using the reward or praise approach to Tuvok when he achieved.

*Why did you decide to be an instructor?*

When Tuvok and I got to Open class, I started to become aware of two things: how much I had learnt, and how much I did not know. And both of these factors became apparent because of the questions I was asked by other owners and instructors. It became clear to me that by passing on my knowledge and enthusiasm on dog handling by teaching would firstly help new owners to enjoy their pet, and secondly, by being exposed to the range of questions that these owners might raise, that I would have to

raise my level of knowledge, which in turn can be ploughed back into the club. And of course, I owe the club a debt, they turned me into a better owner.

*What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?*

Remembering names! I have always struggled with this so I do it by association. Dog names are very hard to associate, but I am working on it. And breeds of dogs, there are so many, luckily my wife is very good with names and breeds so she helps.

*How do you spend your time with your dog when it's not Sunday morning?*

Tuvok and I have two walks a day and several times a week we have play and training times. He loves travelling in the car with me but insists the window is open so he can try and snap at passing cars. This is OK during the warm times but in winter, it gets very cold! He loves to help in the garden, if I am digging he will dig, but not always in the right spot. When I load the trailer with clippings, he will empty it. And he likes to slobber over my trousers when I am dressed for dance. All in all, we get on well.

## 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

## 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

## DIARY DATES - October to December

### October

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|----|----------|--|
| 13 | Saturday | ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial  |
| 21 | Sunday   | <b>QDDTC Term 4 commences</b>                          |
| 25 | Thursday | <b>QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm</b>                  |
| 27 | Saturday | Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Obedience Trial |

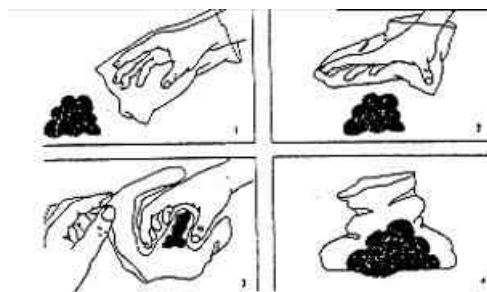
### November

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| 10 | Saturday | ACT Companion Dog Club – Evening Obedience Trial             |
| 17 | Saturday | Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial  |
| 24 | Saturday | Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial |
| 29 | Thursday | <b>QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm</b>                        |

### December

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| 16 | Sunday | <b>QDDTC Term 4 Assessment Day and annual awards presentation</b> |
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### **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.