

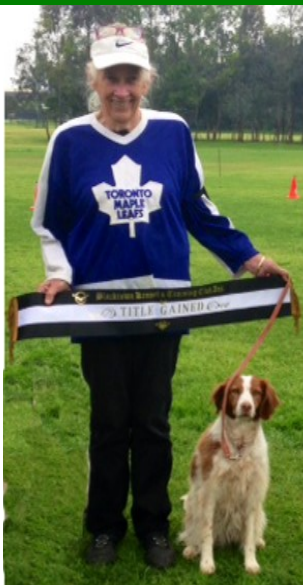


# Yaps & Yelps

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## Congratulations!

Rally O Titles gained on a very wet day at Blacktown Club  
18.9.16



Nel Paterson & Micki  
Rally O Novice



Barbara Hodel & Shellbe  
Rally O Advanced



Judy Perrin & Fernie  
Rally O Master

# NSDTC Christmas Party

**Saturday 2 Dec**  
**2.00-5.00pm**

**2.00pm**  
**Fancy dress - Prizes for Christmas, dog & owner**  
**look alike, prettiest, funniest & cleverest costumes**

**3.15pm**  
**Games & fun for everyone**

**Afternoon tea**

please bring a plate of goodies to share

**We will be collecting donations for a dog charity. Please help**

## **Award Presentations**

**Dog of the Year -**  
Agility, Obedience &  
Rally O, Dances with Dogs

**Senior Member**

**Junior Member**

**KK9**

**10 Dec from 1.00**

## **Working bee**

**Free BBQ for the workers!**

**It's a great way to learn what we own!!!**

## **Notification re cancellation of training**

(extreme heat or wet/stormy weather)

will be posted on our **website & Facebook page**  
**by 11.00am on the day**

For **Monday night Rally O** by **5pm on the day**

## **Our Club Equipment Shop**

Need a different or more effective collar, harness or lead?

Our instructors will advise what is most suitable for your dog, fit it & show you how to use it

**The shop is open on Saturdays: 2.30 - 2.50pm & 4.00 - 4.30pm**

# Welcome to our new members

## 13 August 2016

Kathy Campbell and Andrew Booker with **Gabriel**  
Scott and Natasha Henry with **Steve**  
Margaret Kamma with **Leo**  
Peter Leyshon with **Blossom**  
Yan and John Li with **Max**  
Germaine Yeung and Adam Karkowski with **Dizzy**  
Jacki Wong and Mervyn Poon with **Otto**  
Rebecca Zoratto and Michael Adams with **Indy**

## 27 August 2016

Linda Best with **Hershey**  
Neeru and Daya Chadda with **Zulfi**  
Amanda and Geoff Higgins with **Syren** and **Sirocco**  
Megan Howe and Paul Yeo with **Marco**  
Annabelle Lee with **Peppa**  
Aimee McGinley with **Theo**  
Susan Michaels with **Gimli**  
Killara and James Nieland with **Barley**  
Michelle Walsh with **Baxter**  
Ava Warren with **Cassie**

## 10 September 2016

Yvonne Breyer and Justin Glancy with **Willow**  
Penny Fenton with **Dolly**  
Angela Jenks with **Frankie**  
Carlo Mantese and Jessica Goh with **Lennie**  
David Napoli with **Luca**  
Yannick Pfitzer and Adeline Siva with **Alfie**  
Tricia, John and Nick Rooney with **Billie**  
Ollie, Helen and Greg Rowe with **Lulu**  
Anita St Clair and Adam Flint with **Alex**  
Yvonne and James Wilson with **Willow**

## Reminder for all Members

**All members MUST wear their badges when in class.**

**New members** - before your second lesson, please collect your name badge from the enrolment table on the club house veranda.

If you lose your badge or forget to bring your badge, go to the enrolment table, you will be given a temporary one.

# Congratulations on your promotion

Susi Rusli & Kirin  
Ellie Gordon & Blackjack  
Sue Williams & Brulee  
Sue Goswell & Maggie  
Stephen Flannigan & Romeo  
Vicki Gore & Bella  
Steven Si & Nala

Melanie Fennell & Sasha  
Sue Robinson & Jasser  
Kathy Walden & AJ  
Anne Adams & Ruby  
Anastasia Loucas & Dixie  
Julie Hunter & Neo  
Thomas Casey & Bear  
Rebecca Braid & Ky

If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around. ~Will Rogers

## Leash free parks & areas

Thanks to Eve Park

You are responsible for your dog in all leash free areas.

1. Before entering any leash free area check the dogs that are already running free. To avoid any problem dogs - if you don't know them, don't go in until they've gone.
2. If your dog is a strong, high drive & energetic youngster, try to avoid having them in the park with very young or elderly dogs which may inadvertently be injured.
3. Can you distinguish friendly behaviour from aggressive behaviour? See the article on **Socialising Your Dog** in your Green Book, given to you when you joined the Club.
4. Watch your dog, not only to ensure that your dog is not upsetting other dogs but also that your dog is not being picked on. Now is not the time to be on the phone or standing in one spot chatting.
5. Remember **you** are responsible for your dog. If it injures another dog or person or causes damage to property, **YOU** are responsible.
6. If a larger dog is upsetting your smaller dog don't pick your dog up. This will tell your dog to be afraid & may trigger further aggression in the big dog.
7. Don't take your female dog to the park when she is on heat as it may cause aggression between male dogs &/or towards your female.
8. Only take toys, balls, etc, to the park if no other dogs will be there or unless you can handle other dogs joining in.

**And of course - always pick up after your dog AND always SHUT THE GATE!**

# Congratulations

to



**Anna Uther**



**Kay Hogan**



**John Jonker**

## **on being made Life Members of the Club**

Anna has been a member of the Club since 2002 & became an Instructor of Obedience in 2011. She also instructs Agility, more recently assisting with the new ITA. Anna has always been willing & able to step up & assist when other instructors are unable to fulfil their roster commitments. Anna served as a committee member for many years in the capacity of Clubhouse Catering & is always at our working bees.

Kay has been a member of the Club since 2004. During this time she has undergone Instructor training in both Obedience & Agility & regularly instructs in both disciplines on Saturdays. She (with Cyril Hart) is responsible for & organises the popular Agility Summer Camp, which is conducted weekly from December to February. Kay is responsible for the catering at our major Obedience, Rally O & Agility Trials. Kay organises our Fundraising Cupcake Day & spends weeks ensuring that Northern Suburbs culinary reputation remains unassailable.

John has been a member of the Club since 2002 & became an Instructor of Obedience in 2013 & agility in 2016. John has always been ready, willing & available to help with trial set up, stewarding & hauling equipment. He has been maintaining our equipment, especially those plastic agility jumps for many years. John has purchased soft drinks to keep our drinks fridge stocked as well as other clubhouse duties. This year he took on an additional role of Obedience Demo team coordinator.

**Thank you all so much.**

# Gun Dog Training

Do you want to train your gundog to retrieve?  
Join our gundog classes on  
Wednesday nights

Time: 6.30 Advanced 7.30pm Beginners  
Dog Ring1 St Ives Showground

Contact person Ray Temple:  
0408 836 753 email: [ray@goldpaws.com.au](mailto:ray@goldpaws.com.au)



## Dances with Dogs Classes

First Wednesday of each month at 6.30 - 7.30pm

Contact Instructor: Penny Dalzell  
[pdalzell@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pdalzell@bigpond.net.au)



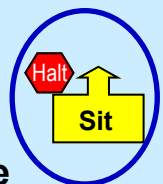
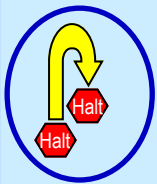
## Rally O Monday night training Sessions resume 29 August

7.00 - 8.30pm

Courses for all levels -  
especially those intending to trial

Club members in 2nd class & above  
are welcome

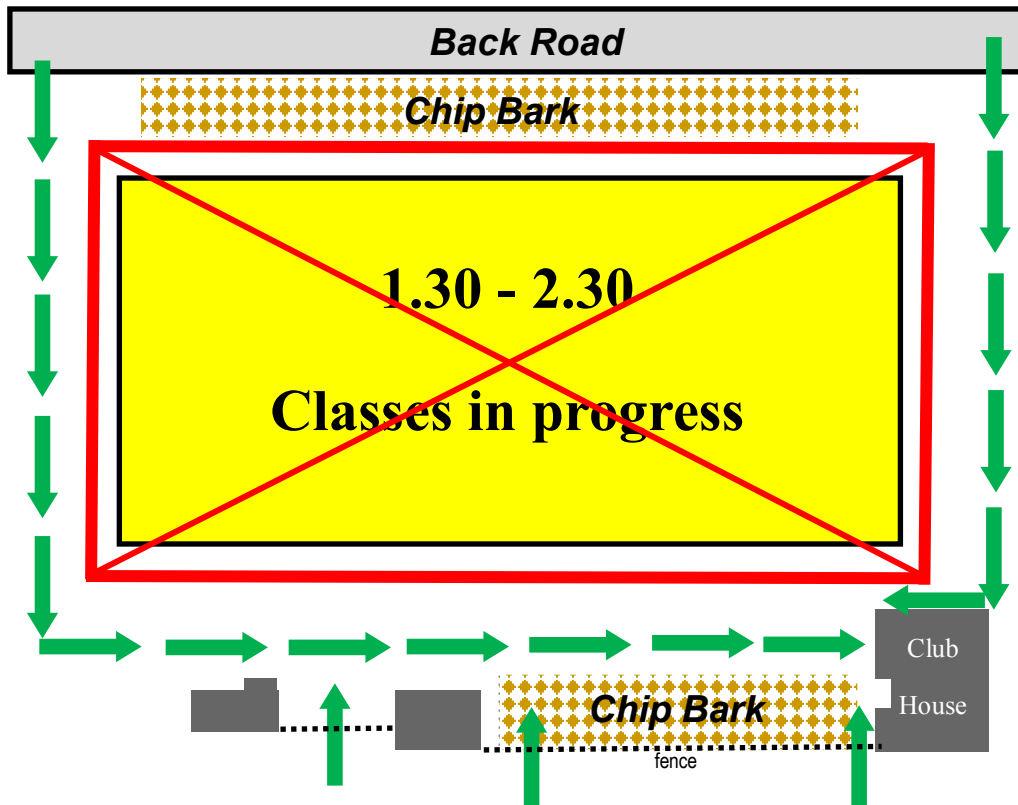
Contact Instructor: Ginny Legh 94891554



Please remember that it is a Dogs NSW requirement that  
all handlers should wear sensible footwear  
on the grounds and in class.  
For safety reasons, high-heeled shoes, thongs,  
scuffs, sandals or bare feet are not acceptable.

# Where to walk when arriving for your 3.00pm class

Please follow the green arrows & avoid the yellow area because the 12.30-2.30 classes are in progress



## The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award

You've probably heard experienced dog people talking about 'obedience training' & seen them with their 'obedient' dogs & thought 'I'll never be able to do that'.

**Yes you can!**

**All dogs (& their humans) can achieve The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award** which is run jointly by Ku-ring-gai Council & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club. Any members in 2nd Class or above are eligible.

**The next test day is on 29 October 12.00-2.00pm**

Details of the tests & all the answers to the pre-test questionnaire are in the NSDTC Information Manual (Green Book) which you received when you joined the club.

To book your test time contact our

**KK9 Award Coordinator, Sharon Househam**

on 9913 9971, 0409 778 873 or email [tullyboy@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tullyboy@bigpond.net.au)



# Puppy Page

## Reading your puppy's body language

Dogs have always communicated with each other by using body language. This involves facial expressions, body postures, noises & scents. Dogs use their mouths, eyes, ears, body & tail to express emotions.

By learning how to interpret your puppy's body language, you can often predict their next move, how they are feeling or what they are planning to do.

### *Signs of aggression (I'm on guard) or submission*

If your puppy is feeling brave or getting ready to protect their territory or their family, they'll try to make themselves larger by standing tall, with ears & tail raised. They'll push out their chest & may raise the hair on their neck & back. They may also growl & wave their tail slowly.

On the other hand, a submissive or very timid dog will try to appear smaller & will try to act like a puppy. Normally adult dogs usually only 'tell off' a puppy but do not attack them. Submission usually takes the form of a sideways crouch near to the ground or crawling on their tummy towards the older dog. Their tail is usually held low but is wagging. The pup may try to lick the face of the dominant dog or human or may even roll onto their back.

### *Your puppy's tail*

Most of us recognize tail wagging as a sign of friendliness & pleasure, but the tail can indicate other moods, too.

The normal way a dog holds their tail varies from breed to breed but generally speaking, a tail held more or less straight out from the body & slowly waved from side to side expresses interest, alertness, confidence & happiness.

If your puppy's tail is waved slowly & stiffly, that's saying your puppy may be feeling threatened, is fearful or is on guard.

If it's clamped low over their hindquarters or down between the hind legs, it means your pup is afraid or unsure. An anxious or nervous dog may droop their tail but wag it stiffly & rapidly.

### *Your puppy's eyes*

If your dog's eyes are half closed & relaxed, that's usually a sign of pleasure or quiet submission.

Widely open eyes can indicate fear or that the pup is prepared to stand their ground.

In the wild, dogs often stare at each other until one backs down or makes a challenge, so you should never attempt to outstare your puppy, especially if they're nervous.

### *Your puppy's smile*

Many dogs open their mouths in a sort of lop-sided 'grin'. This may be a sign of friendliness but can equally indicate anxiety.

An open mouth, with tongue hanging loosely, usually shows the pup is relaxed & happy to just hang out with whoever is around them or else they're just a little too hot!

When the lips are drawn back tightly to bare the teeth, that's a warning sign which may indicate the puppy is frightened or in the worst case may become aggressive.

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## Playtime or learning??

Once your puppy comes to live with you, you & your family have to provide the learning through play with you, the family & carefully chosen, doggy playmates.

Puppy play can be rough & humans don't have a convenient covering of thick hair all over their arms & legs so pups have to be taught not to bite (mouthing & bite inhibition).

The best way to do this is to use the same method the litter used to indicate it was too rough -



**you** give a high pitched squeak & end the game suddenly. Once the pup settles down, start the game again. You can also use a growly voiced 'aaaahh' to indicate the game's getting too rough. If the pup responds by toning it down, continue with the play, if the pup keeps getting wilder, squeak again & end the game again.

**Make training fun** - in fact the best way to teach any obedience exercises is by making it fun, ie turn basic obedience exercises into a game!

Take the **'sit' game** for example - as soon as the pup's bottom hits the floor, praise & either reward with a treat or have a quick game of tug or roll a ball a short distance for your pup. Then repeat the 'sit', play the game, do the 'sit', play the game, etc. You'll soon get a wonderfully quick & reliable sit when rewards always follows the action. Do the same for the 'stand', 'down' & 'come' exercises.

Teaching your pup to **'fetch'** is another wonderful game. This can be played indoors & outdoors. Using a small soft toy is often the best starting point. Place it a short distance away & encourage your pup to 'fetch' it. Once they pounce & pick it up, call them back with 'come'. Offer a treat or another toy as you say 'give' (**toy swapping**).

Once they are retrieving a soft toy, use your imagination & get them to 'fetch' all sorts of items - balls, toys, empty drink cans, scrunched up paper, empty plastic milk bottles, etc.

**Don't** use items of clothing, like socks or shoes or the TV remote as you can't expect the pup to know the difference between your 'good' shoes & the toys they are allowed to pick up.

Another great learning game is **'find'**. Start by sitting in a chair or on the floor & hide something whilst the pup is watching you. For example tuck a small soft toy or a treat under your thigh & say 'find'. Praise as the pup starts to sniff around & give excited praise as they find it.

This game can be extended to finding hidden items under armchairs, behind doors, in the next room, under a pillow, in cardboard boxes or outside in all sorts of places. Use items like their toys, a treat biscuit or a bunch of old keys, your oldest hat, a gardening glove, etc. Even get them to 'find' a person!

Teach them **simple tricks** - the following are terrific fun & are a great way of stopping your puppy from jumping up on visitors. Ask them to do their tricks, your visitors will be very impressed!



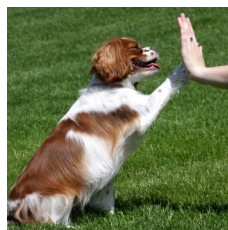
**Shake hands**



**Bow**



**Roll over**



**High Five**

**Make learning playtime & you'll have a enthusiastic, willing & happy puppy**

## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

# Summer is coming

It's a wonderful time for holidays, Christmas with all the goodies, BBQ's, visits to dog friendly beaches & walks in bushland.

It's the perfect time to enjoy the fun & company of your canine friend..... **but beware** - dogs can suffer health problems during Sydney's hot & often humid summer months

## Heat stress

Most at risk are:

- Young pups & elderly dogs.
- Breeds with shortened muzzles such as Boxers, Pugs, Staffordshire & British Bull Terriers.
- Heavy or long coated breeds.

### Preventive measures

- Exercise your dog in the early morning or late evening.
- Make sure they have deeply shaded areas all day where they can stay cool & away from biting flies & other insects.
- Provide a number of water bowls, just in case one is tipped over or your dog decides to cool off by lying down in their water bowl! Bowls should be heavy so they can't be knocked over.
- Whenever possible bring your dog inside during the hottest part of the day.
- **Never** leave your dog in a car on a warm day. The temperature can rise from 25° to 50° in less than ten minutes. Brain damage & death can follow quickly.
- Long or heavy coated dogs are often more comfortable when stripped or clipped (never shave them as the coat protects from sunburn & biting insects & acts as insulation against sudden changes in temperature).

Please re-read the section on heat stress & your dog in the Club Information Manual. This covers heat stress in detail. **Remember heat stroke is a veterinary emergency.**

## Parasites & other creepy crawlies

- **Paralysis ticks** thrive in the higher temperatures of the summer months & love humidity. They can cause major health problems & the paralysis they cause can be fatal.
- All dog owners are advised to use their fingers to **check all over their dog every day for ticks.**
- **Fleas** also thrive in the higher temperatures & love humidity. They can cause many nasty, long lasting skin irritations. There are many effective flea treatments available.

- Discuss flea & tick preventative measures with your vet. Whatever program is suggested please make sure you follow it exactly

**Mosquitos** are part of the lifecycle of heartworm. All dogs should be protected by an annual injection or monthly treatment. Talk to your vet about a suitable product for your specific dog. Some breeds cannot tolerate some of the medications used in some of the monthly preventive tablets.

**Spiders & snakes** are far more active in hot weather.

**Bees, wasps & other stinging insects** thrive in the hotter months.

## Christmas goodies, parties & BBQ's

A lot of the goodies we eat at festive times can be **toxic for dogs** - the following foods should that never be given to dogs.

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| • chocolate of any type                      | • raisons & other dried fruit |
| • raw yeast dough (rises in the stomach)     | • grapes                      |
| • fatty off cuts & scraps of ham & BBQ meats | • avocados                    |
| • onions - cooked or raw                     | • macadamia nuts              |
| • garlic - in large amounts                  | • alcohol                     |
| • Xylitol (artificial sweetener)             | • kernels from stone fruits   |
| • cooked bones                               | • coffee & caffeine products  |

Have a **special bowl of dog treats** on the table for those who want to indulge the dog!

Extra precautions -

- Foil gift wrap & metallic ribbons - these are big no-no's & puppies love them!
- Keep food gifts out of reach. Pushy dogs will climb on chairs to get them!
- Make sure pups cannot get at the cords of Christmas tree lights.

## Some interesting facts from the RSPCA's September 2016 Action Report

**14,627 animals were rehomed between 1.7.15 & 30.6.16**

RSPCA vets performed

20,459 consultations

1557 dental interventions

8,348 desexing

1674 surgeries

8222 vaccinations

1,015 x rays

**A Healthy Dog  
is  
a Happy Dog**

# **All dog owners should have a first aid kit for their dog**

Thanks to Judy Perrin

## **We recommend you keep the kit in your car**

- Emergency phone numbers - own vet & your nearest emergency 'after hours' vet
- Torch
- Blanket (can be used as stretcher & to maintain body heat)
- Large piece of bubble wrap (waterproof & comfy)
- Foil blanket to maintain body warmth & prevent shock
- Rubber gloves
- Towel
- Garbage bag for used materials
- Spare collar & lead
- 2 crepe bandages or similar - to bandage limbs or to make a soft muzzle
- Saline solution in disposable vials - to flush wounds or eyes
- Roll of gauze
- Scissors
- Packet of cotton wool balls
- Packet of steristrips
- 4 non stick dressings
- 2 large absorbent wound dressings
- Roll of cotton wool for padding
- 3 self adhesive bandages (Vet wrap)
- Newspaper for splinting a broken or badly injured leg
- Tweezers
- Tick remover
- Hydrogen peroxide - for initial cleaning of puncture wounds
- Chlorhexidine - antiseptic solution
- Antihistamine - for short term relief in case of bee or wasp stings

**Please note:** Vets **DO NOT** operate an ambulance service.

Their 'ambulance' is usually a small van & it is not equipped with life saving equipment.

The best option is to get the dog to a vet ASAP - waiting for a vet to come to take the dog to hospital takes twice as long. The dog can die while waiting for the vet to get to the site of the accident.

## Applying a temporary muzzle



Use a soft bandage. Loop it under the dog's muzzle & tie once on top of muzzle.



Now take the bandage below the muzzle & tie again.



Finally take the ends below the ears & tie firmly at the back of the head.

## A car accident – and an animal is involved!

Thanks to Judy Perrin

The number one rule of First Aid is to ensure that YOU are safe. If you, in your efforts to help, become another accident victim, you will not be able to assist those who need your help.

Be wary when approaching an injured animal – an animal with a perfect temperament may well become aggressive when in pain.

Always approach the animal slowly & quietly with a reassuring voice & handle them very gently. Use a soft tie, or a strip of material, tied in a figure 8 around the muzzle & under the ears, then tied at the back of the neck before handling the dog. **Don't** apply a muzzle if the dog has a injury to their mouth or head. An alternative is to use a sock as a muzzle to reduce the risk of the dog biting the rescuer.

Try to stop bleeding with pressure – either by hand or using a firm bandage.

Get the animal to a vet ASAP – remember that there is no animal ambulance service though many vets do now have suitable vehicles. The best way, however, is to transport the animal yourself to avoid loss of valuable time. Try to make a phone call to give the clinic warning.

Check for the femoral pulse on the inner thigh of the dog. Mouth to mouth resuscitation is difficult with a dog & you should only attempt CPR cardiac massage if you have taken a First Aid Course.

If the colour of the gums is a healthy pink the dog is probably not too badly injured but if pale pink or blueing then veterinary attention is required very quickly.

The dog should be moved onto a blanket or towel with the minimum of movement before being lifted into the car.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY!**

# Presidents Report 2016

Once again the 2015-2016 year has been a very busy and exciting time for the Club. As you are aware we are currently bring the Club forward with the introduction of on line Membership applications and renewals. This is a testament to the dedication of the Membership Committee, the Club's retiring Treasurer and Mel Duker. Due to their dedication, time and effort, with support provided by Committee, the Club is staying abreast of the modern and dynamic electronic world that we live in. This is a clear demonstration that the Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club is a progressive and active Club in the world of dog ownership.

As with much of the movement forward the Club has sought to increase membership and interest in both Obedience and Agility by the purchase of modern, light weight and up to date new equipment for those disciplines. In a further move to develop a greater variety of training the Club, in conjunction with the RATG & Obedience Chief Instructors, is moving to purchase new equipment for the training of the increasing numbers of Gundogs. Our thanks to Ray Temple for taking on the role of Instructor.

As with many volunteer organisations there is always a core of hardworking & dedicated people that continue to contribute their time and efforts into ensuring that the Club functions smoothly and provides a level of excellence in training and delivery of service that has made this Club a popular and well known training facility and organisation.

There are so many people that I would like to thank for their efforts from our dedicated and hard working Secretary and Treasurer; our Chief Instructors; our Committee members; our members who are Judges in their respective disciplines yet give up their valuable time to assist in the training of Club members; and all the valued Instructors, that provide the Club the structure to continue to flourish.

Our success as a Club and the spirit of the membership, including the level of training provided has clearly been demonstrated by the success of our Annual Rally Obedience, Obedience and Agility trials; the development of specialised training courses such as the Introduction to Agility (ITA) Course. The team work and commitment of so many of our members helps to make maintain and promote the Club as an attractive option to dogs owners seeking to enter into world of fun and achievement that can be attained by membership of this wonderful Club.

It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge all of the Club members that have achieved promotions during the year and those that have attained various titles and successes at trials in their respective disciplines. Well done everyone.

As the dynamics of the Club's membership evolves I encourage younger members of the Club to seek to take on the various roles of the Club's office bearers, Committee and Instructors so that the Club can advance into the future & continue to be a progressive, fun loving organisation that provides a friendly and safe environment for the community to learn and have fun with their dogs.

Once again I cannot express my thanks enough to everyone involved in this great Club. There are so many, yet you all know who you are, you wonderful people, and so do we. Thank you all for your contributions, time, dedication and service over the past year. And thank you to your respective families for allowing you to do so.

Kim Dowding

## REPORT from CHIEF INSTRUCTOR (OBEDIENCE) 2016

*"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more" – William Shakespeare*

It seems you have allowed yourselves to be lumbered with the grumpy Obedience leader for another year. I will do my best with the great support I know I will continue to have from my deputies.

Prior to the end of 2015 the long anticipated new 'ANKC Rules for Obedience & Rally' were out, discussed, liked, disliked, grumbled about & learned then, in January 2016, they were implemented in time for us to be the first club to use the Rally O rules at our January Trial. Here, Di was the distinguished judge to take charge of the new 'Master' class, doing so in her usual professional way.

2016 club training started with a bang as what seemed like the whole untrained canine population of Ku-Ring-Gai descended on the clubhouse on the first day back! Great news really as we continue to serve our Municipality & beyond in our quest to create well mannered and socialised dogs.

None of this could, of course, be made possible without our team of instructors, all of whom give their time freely to help both those whose dogs are easy to train & those whose dogs skilfully, consistently & with a wicked eye test the patience of saints! Currently we have 36 active instructors, 3 of whom travel from the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast & the Southern Highlands. Totally mad or totally devoted to the welfare of every man, woman & child's 'best friend'. Others are on backup duties when needed.

During the year we considered applying for a club discount at the 'San' hospital when it kidnapped three of our instructors in the one week – happily they gave them back to us in a much improved condition! We had to say 'bon voyage' to our popular & hilarious instructor, Cheryl, who left Sydney for retirement on the North Coast.

Educational Courses run and attended by many will be detailed elsewhere but the club did organise & run its first 'Advanced Instructors Course'. Open to all instructors & aimed at bringing on more senior instructors, it covered the teaching of Open & UD levels of trialling. 10 senior instructors presented the various topics over a period of time February to April, with 24 starters & an average attendance of 15. In addition, several excellent sessions on topics ranging from Heelwork to UD & UDX have been given by Penny. Our two Judges, Di & Tracy continue to give great service to our triallers by setting up & running Ring Practice on a regular basis.

Classes varied in size from week to week, rainy day to rainy day, which caused havoc with the roster but allowed instructors to show their adaptability skills in switching classes at a moments notice. Great stuff ladies & gents! Wednesday night Ring Practice was poorly attended and discontinued but Instructor Training has happily seen a resurgence in popularity. A small but dedicated group takes part in Obedience trials with some very pleasing – sometimes surprising results! Rally participants are a dedicated bunch lead by the dedicated Ginny. Here we had excellent results right up to 'Master' level. Our Interclub team, once again lead by Penny, performed well for a largely 'recreational' club & had a relaxed and enjoyable day in he process.

The Ku-Ring-Gai K9 Award goes from strength to strength, with 20 members qualifying for their embroidered lead and Certificate from the Mayor of Ku-Ring-Gai. Gaining this award signifies that the holder has successfully undergone training in Canine good citizenship. Sharon & her team of testers is ensuring that all of our members have the opportunity to be recognised as having trained their dog in basic obedience.



Our Gundog group continues to flourish, under orders of 'the boss' – Ray, come rain, shine or blizzard. Five dogs are trialling with great success and another five will be following in the new year.

Some frustration has been caused by the closure of our grounds when council has hired out the whole Showground for big events but, having the good fortune to have great facilities in such beautiful surroundings takes the edge off that frustration – somewhat!

Our wonderful new training & trial equipment arrived in time to show it off at our April Trial – out went the old heavy bar, wobbly solid & shabby broad jumps, boxes etc. & in came the new. Along with our Agility members, we redesigned the Clubhouse Equipment store to the satisfaction of all – eventually!!! – and can now take pride in our first class Obedience & Agility equipment set in an orderly fashion on shelves, walls & floor.

As always, the Club officials & helpers "thank you" dinner at Bellini's restaurant, was a huge success despite the fact that Sarah made us use our brains between courses - & learn to cheat – with her 'Dog info' questionnaires!

The members who run this club are a most magnificent team. The support given to me by my deputies, Gael & Sharon is superb as it keeps me on my toes, when I am not wallowing in mud. On those occasions, Andy's coffee completes my rescue by whoever is unfortunate enough to be in my way at the time. Without every one of our helpers, Northern Suburbs would be just an ordinary club. Your input makes it an extraordinary Canine Family.

Judy Perrin

### **REPORT from CHIEF INSTRUCTOR (Agility) 2016**

Appreciation & thanks to the instructors giving their time, knowledge and expertise at class and exhibitions through the year. We were fortunate enough to have Barbara Hodel and John Jonker join the instructor team this year.

Gratitude to the committee and club members for their support and a special thank you for the purchase of the a see saw, A frame and dog walk expanding the training availabilities for new and existing members.

Huge thanks to the club president for securing the agility equipment in the equipment shed and for the additional adjustments.

Heartfelt thanks to Maggie Young and Virginia Pennefather for their ongoing support and special huge thanks to Karin Bridge for ongoing support in forming and instruction of the ITA - Introduction To Agility - classes with two intakes in the year introducing approximately 26 to the sport.

Thank you to the Agility Trial Committee and supporters from both the agility and obedience disciplines for their contribution, time and effort in yet another successful annual agility trial held in July. The hard work and assistance from all ensures the smooth running and what seems effortless event on the day and could not be achieved without club members and their family's support.

Jennifer Hamilton

# All you'll need to know

- New Members - enrolment between 2.15 - 2.45pm every second Saturday. Please check the website for enrolment day dates. Enrolment on line now available.
- All dogs must be **FULLY IMMUNISED** (Veterinary Certificate required plus 2 weeks from date of last vaccination). Please read NSDTC Vaccination Policy overleaf.
- Junior Members are 12 to 15 years of age.
- Training equipment (leads, training collars, etc) can be purchased at the Clubhouse.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- 1 June to 31 October - \$120
- 1 November to 31 January - \$80
- 1 February to 31 May - \$60
- If training more than one dog -  
\$20.00 extra per annum for second dog, third or more free
- Pensioners, Juniors, Instructors & Management Committee members  
\$30.00 (no half yearly concessions)

**ANNUAL RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP** is due by 30 June each year.

**YAPS & YELPS:** The Club journal is available at the enrolment table or can be viewed on our website [www.nsdogtraining](http://www.nsdogtraining)  
Articles are welcomed & may be left at the table or emailed to [ginny.l@tpg.com.au](mailto:ginny.l@tpg.com.au)

**TRAINING** is held in the Dog Rings at St Ives Showground every Saturday, February - November inclusive. NB. **No** training on Public Holidays

**New member intakes** for First & Puppy Classes - every second Saturday.  
Please arrive by 2.15pm so paper work can be completed prior to start of 3.00pm classes

**Before starting Agility** - dogs must be at least **1 year old & in Third Class or above**  
New memberships for Agility **can only be accepted on Saturday afternoons**

**Enquiries re joining the Club:**                      **Ginny Legh 9489 1554**  
**Membership enquiries:** **Pam Rutledge**   [pamru@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pamru@bigpond.net.au)

Clubhouse telephone number **0415 204 304 (Saturdays only)**

Please note this telephone has no message recording facility & will only be answered during training times **if** the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.

# NSDTC Inc VACCINATION POLICY

Up-dated September 2010

- NSDTC requires a minimum C3 (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus) vaccination administered after the age of 12 weeks for all puppies less than 12 months old.  
Please Note. A delay of two weeks after the final puppy vaccinations is required before puppies are permitted to join classes.
- All adult dogs (over 12 months old) joining or renewing, must have had at least a C3 vaccination administered after 12 months of age. Triennial (3-yearly) C3 vaccination is considered acceptable thereafter.
- Dogs joining or renewing over the age of 4 years that have not had a C3 vaccination in the preceding 3 years must be referred to the Club Vet officer or official nominee.
- Veterinary certificates showing adequate antibody titres\* to distemper, hepatitis & parvovirus will be accepted by NSDTC for all adult dogs as long as they are dated within the preceding 12 months.  
\*Adequate antibody titres for distemper, hepatitis & parvovirus are considered to be > 1: 20
- As Bordetella & Parainfluenza (both agents causing canine cough) are not generally life threatening to healthy dogs, these vaccinations would be optional, but recommended & owners are reminded these may be required by boarding kennels.
- All vaccination & antibody titre certificates must be signed by a registered veterinary surgeon.
- Homeopathic 'vaccinations' will not be accepted.

## PARKING

- **Please park on the LEFT of the road as you enter the showground or near the picnic area beside the Douglas Pickering Pavilion.**
- The parking area on the right, nearer the Clubhouse, is for 'on duty' Club Members who need to leave their dogs in the car, carry equipment, etc. Thank you.

## CLUB & USE of GROUND GUIDELINES

These guidelines are for the benefit of all members & the general public who use St Ives Showground.

- All dogs must be on lead during club training times (except when off lead work is directed by an instructor during class).
- Dog droppings must be cleaned up & placed in a bin.
- Always wear your name tag.
- The dog rings are a leash free area EXCEPT on Saturdays.
- The main oval may be used for leash free exercise, so long as no other organised event is taking place.

## **PATRONS**

Mayor of Ku-ring-gai  
Dr Jim Thompson                      Mr J O'Dea State MP for Davidson

## **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President:	Kim Dowding	9653 2045
Club Secretary:	Gael Goldsack	94873656
	(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)	
Treasurer:	Phil Palanges	96533470
Vice Presidents:	Vickie Dean	0411 751 186
	Maggie Young	9451 7986
Chief Instructors:	Jennifer Hamilton	9982 9029 (Agility)
	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Assistant Treasurer:	Gale Coutts
Clubhouse Coordinator/Catering:	Rebecca Braid
Committee (general):	Eve Park
Club Librarians:	Penny Dalzell, Virginia Pennefather & Eve Park
DWD Coordinator:	Penny Dalzell
Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator:	Sharon Househam
Membership Secretary:	Pam Rutledge
Membership Team Members:	Lana Partridge & Anne Adams
Newsletter Editor & Archives:	Ginny Legh
Obedience Demo Team Coordinator:	Penny Dalzell
Rally O Coordinator:	Ginny Legh
Social Secretary:	Sarah Bryce
Title Trophy Mementos Officer:	Karin Bridge
Training Equipment (sales) Officer:	Gale Coutts
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	John Jonker
Website & Publicity Officer:	Melinda Duker

### **Obedience/Rally O & RATG Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Kim Dowding
Trial Secretary:	Ginny Legh (Chair)
Entry Secretary:	Lana Partridge
Chief Steward:	Gael Goldsack
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

### **Agility Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Jane Hampel
Trial Secretary:	Tsuey Hiu (Chair)
Chief Steward:	Karin Bridge
Trophy Officer:	Maggie Young

Trial Equipment Officers: Andy Seitz & John Jonker  
Trial Catering Officers: Kay Hogan & Sharon Househam

### **Education Sub Committee**

Sally Stawman (Chair), Gael Goldsack, Judy Perrin, Pat Walsh

### **Dances with Dogs Sub Committee**

Penny Dalzell & Ginny Legh

### **Inter-club Challenge Coordinator**

Penny Dalzell

# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## October - December 2016

Sat 1 Oct **NO training - long weekend**

Sat 8 Oct New members intake

Sat 15 Oct Normal Training

**Instructors meeting 4.15pm**

Sat 22 Oct New members intake

**General Meeting 4.00pm**

Sat 29 Oct Normal Training **KK9 Test Day from 12 midday**

Sat 5 Nov New members intake (last for 2016)

Sat 12 Nov Normal Training

Sat 19 Nov Normal Training

Wed 23 Nov **Committee Meeting 7.30pm**

Sat 26 Nov Normal Training (last training day for 2016)

Sat 3 Dec **Christmas party - Fancy dress 2.00pm - Games 3.15pm - Afternoon tea**

Sat 10 Dec **Working Bee - free BBQ from 1.00pm**

**Monday night Rally O & Agility - will be held on 5 Dec, 12 Dec & 19 Dec**

**Normal training sessions resume on Saturday 4 February 2017**



The minutes of General Meetings can be viewed on the noticeboard in the Club House