

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2021 AGM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last year has seen a significant impact on our activities due to the COVID19 pandemic.

August and September saw the Club gradually return to training sessions, but no new members were enrolled until the summer, with puppy classes starting in December and full enrolment not until February.

All were saddened by the loss of a long-standing Life Member and instructor, Ginny Legh. She was keenly involved with Puppy Classes and Rally and was the point of first contact for all phone enquiries. Ginny is to be remembered in the form of a perpetual award and her generous bequest.

On return to training, members had to adhere to our COVID Safety Plan. To simplify mandatory check-in requirements, a QR code was obtained in time for our Rally and RATG Trial in January.

This trial was a success as usual, falling on a lovely summer's evening with a good number of entries, despite Northern Beaches residents, being unable to compete.

The large intake of new members created challenges for the membership team and instructors, all of whom worked very hard to accommodate everyone.

A DWD Trial was successfully run at the DogsNSW venue in February, then April came around and we held our annual combined Obedience and Rally trial.

Our Constitution needed a number of predominantly minor amendments, which were approved by the membership in May and later accepted by DogsNSW and Department of Fair Trading. More significantly, however, it was agreed that the Annual Membership would run for the calendar year rather than the financial year and renewals will now be accepted from late each year for the following year.

Everything seemed to be going well again and despite large class sizes, the club's dedicated instructors were catering to our many new and existing members.

Sadly, during this time we lost a very experienced Instructor and former chief, with the sudden passing of Liz Hatcher.

Unfortunately, the delta strain of COVID19 appeared in Sydney in June, and the Club was forced to cancel all activities after 26th June, due to the NSW Government's extended lockdown.

This also meant that we were unable to hold our annual Agility Trial, nor could we commence training in the newly introduced discipline of Scent Work.

Both the Agility and Scent Work trials have been postponed.

I know everyone is keen to resume training and competitions when the lockdown is lifted, under whatever restrictions might still be imposed, and all of us at Northern Suburbs are very much looking forward to welcoming our members back.

In the interim, a great initiative from our Obedience Chief instructor and her team has been the introduction of Saturday 3pm Zoom lessons, open to all members. The sessions cover a range of topics with demonstrations and the opportunity for interactive questions.

Although it has been a difficult year, I would very much like to thank the Executive, the Committee, the various Sub-committees and all our wonderful Instructors for your support and the great effort in helping all our members.

Hoping to be able to see everyone back at training again soon.

Stay safe.

Barb Rogleff

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I took on the role of Club Secretary to help the new President Barbara Rogleff as there were no nominations for this position at the 2020 AGM.

Unfortunately, I am unable to continue as Secretary due to current work commitments and hope someone takes on this role for the Club to continue.

I would like to thank Barb for her help and especially Gael for the much-needed guidance of the Secretary duties.

It was with much sadness that we lost our Life member and wonderful Instructor Ginny Legh.

I wish the club and the committee a harmonious future.

Allison Harvey
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMENT: As this is not a password protected secure site for members, the full report will be available at the AGM.

Suffice it to say that overall, the club did manage to have a relatively successful year, although of course, the impact of the recent lockdown is not included in the 2021 EOFY figures. (BR)

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT (AGILITY)

Thank you to the club, committee and members for the ongoing support during what resulted in a shortened training year.

Following last year's summer break, the year started with an instructor's agility training session on 30 January 2021, followed by the commencement of member training on 6 February 2021 which continued regularly until a COVID-19 lockdown started, inhibiting training from 3 July 2021.

An agility demonstration was heavily attended during the St Ives Show on 15 May 2021 thanks to the instructors and members alike for competing in this fun demonstration of the skills gained on Saturday mornings at Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

Congratulations to the Agility Committee for arranging a new date for this year's agility trial of 30 October 2021 in anticipation that the event will go ahead without restrictions.

Continued appreciation for the instructors who dedicate their Saturdays and additionally the preparation time and assistance that is needed outside of training hours albeit for a disrupted year. Thank you.

Appreciation to the committee for the continued support and the thankless time and effort dedicated to these club positions.

Training in 2021 has been stifled however, we look forward to a close of Covid and a return to training on a Saturday mornings.

Jennifer Hamilton
Chief Instructor (Agility)

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT (OBEDIENCE)

This last twelve months of Obedience training at NSDTC has been extraordinary. The Obedience Instructors have been managing the highest number of new members seen by our Club. The large queues for new members and current members have been long and challenging to deal with. Our experienced Instructors have risen to the challenge so well with many working nonstop each Saturday in 2020 and 2021. Instructors have alleviated the needs of members with puppies by providing extra December and January classes. These achievements are ones to be proud of.

The expertise of the Obedience Instructors and their loyalty to the Club has been gratifying for myself and very supportive of my first year in the role. The Instructors have gone above and beyond with the members and participated in some innovative programs during lockdown. The "Ask the Instructor" talks created while we have all been in lockdown have engaged our members and Instructors alike. It's been fun to see our Instructors create power points on Obedience and take to video clips of themselves and their training methods all for the good of our club.

The proof of the success of the Obedience year can be seen in the training of eight new Instructors. These are new members to the club in the last year who have been captured by the environment of our club. These eight new Instructors will graduate at the end of 2021 ready for the large numbers expected once again in 2022 at our club.

I want to thank my deputies Eve Park, Judy Perrin and Penny Dalzell who have met with me regularly and planned how best to support our Instructors and our club. I am very thankful to have their guidance, experience and expertise along the way. I look forward to 2022 and the role of Chief Instructor Obedience.

Rebecca Braid

CI Obedience

DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITION REPORT 2021

NSDTC held another very successful Double Dances with Dogs Competition on 21 February 2021.

Our Competitions are very popular because of the way they are run and for the friendly and supportive atmosphere. We have wonderful helpers for our competition. We had a record entry and 8 titles were gained - NSDTC DWD Class members gained 5 of these.

NSDTC DWD Class members also were awarded 23 qualifications amongst them.

Once again we ran our popular Ring Practice in January, raising funds to put towards the February competitions.
NSDTC is the only NSW affiliated club running a DWD competition or regular class.

Schedule for 2022 was submitted in July, and all orders for stationary and sashes have been completed.

The January Fundraiser Ring Practice will again be held in January

P Dalzell

DWD TRAINING REPORT AUGUST 2021

The Class has proven rather popular and there is a waiting list.
There are 13 Club Members' dogs practicing their routines in class. (Actually too many for all to have enough practice time in the hour)
During the Lockdown, all class participants have been sent emails with hints on routines and judging and ideas for teaching moves.

P Dalzell

TRICKS TRAINING REPORT AUGUST 2021

We have 25 people in the class and limited space.

There is still a waiting list.

Most of the class members are ready and wanting to compete, however the numbers permitted in the Tests so far have been capped and filled within hours. Also, with the Tests only advertised on a Facebook site, some members have repeatedly missed out on entering and have lost interest in competing for now.

Hopefully Sydney Clubs will be running Tricks Tests next year.

During Lockdown all class participants have been sent emails with homework activities and hints on teaching certain Tricks to their dogs.

P Dalzell

GUNDOG (RATG) REPORT

Since last AGM report some standout events occurred in Gundog at NSDTC

1. The regular Wednesday evening gundog training sent several of our members with new puppies through the Obedience classes from Puppies to 3rd Class with many graduating to Advanced Skills.

2. Our January 2021 Trial was well attended by club members and visitors. In Novice we had several placegetters and in Open Ray took out first place with Rebel under Judge Sue Turner.

3. The attendance at the Dogs NSW Golden Retriever Trial by our club members was another standout. The NSDTC did very well indeed with members qualifying and Gundog Co-Ordinator Ray Temple taking out the Winner of Winners Trophy for his runs with Rebel. The trial was supported by all of the steward positions being filled by our NSDTC members

4. The Tamworth trial saw Ray Temple running Rebel placed first in the Retrieving All Age Stakes giving Rebel his Retrieving Trial champion Title.

5 the Gundog Team also did a great demonstration for the St Ives Show which was well received by the general public.

6 Our regular support of the State Retrieving Trial was unfortunately not possible due to COVID, and the State Trial was again cancelled this year.

In summary the invaluable regular training sessions run by Ray Temple for NSDTC each Wednesday evening have seen a tight well-trained team who regularly compete in competitions throughout NSW and Interstate.

Rebecca Braid

Gundog Group for Ray Temple

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT 2020/21

In spite of losing a great deal of time due to Covid19 lockdowns we managed to cover a wide range of activities .

We have hosted a number of seminars : 2 on Happy Heeling presented by Penny Dalzell, one on agility by Sarah Kirkwood & 2 by Barbara Hodel, one {via Zoom} on Holidaying with your Dogs & one on coping with your Teenage Dogs.

There were also some wonderful demonstrations to showcase other club activities. Ray Temple & the Gundog group amazed the crowd with their dogs' retrieving abilities. Jennifer Hamilton & some agileers showed off their skills & on another occasion the UD & UDX groups showed us all what we could aim to achieve with our dogs.

And then for something completely different, following the theft of a member's dog ,which was fortunately recovered, we were advised by Senior Constable Colin Mitchell from Hornsby Police Station Crime Prevention Unit on how to best protect our pets.

I think we achieved a lot in limited time and look forward to even more in 2021/22.

Eve Park

Co-ordinator, Education Subcommittee

KK9 ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a very disrupted year for KK9 as it has been for all everyone.

Members were very keen once we started training again last year and this saw us successfully promoting 8 members and their dogs in November before closing for the Christmas break.

It is always fantastic to see how keen our members are and we had increased numbers returning once training recommenced in February. We saw 3 promoted in March but with more practice 8 went through in April and 9 in May before we were once again back in lockdown.

Rebecca has very successfully been holding zoom classes on Saturdays at 3pm and KK9 has been able to showcase their class on zoom.

We are all looking forward to going back to training once we are able to.

Jenny Burnell

KK9 Co-Ordinator