**2022-2023 Collated reports**

**President’s Report**

It has been another busy year at Northern Suburbs Dog Training club. We have continued to be affected by weather events, council ring closures and bookings but fortunately, things have improved as the year has progressed. There have been many trials and competitions in various disciplines. Since the 2022 AGM we have held a Rally/RATG trial in January, Double DWD competition and rescheduled AgilityTrial in February, Inaugural Scent Work Trial in March, Obedience /Rally Trial in April, a Scent Work Trial and Agility Trial in August; as well as a number of smaller single element scent work trials and mock obedience and agility trials. We have been very fortunate to have several club members volunteer to organise and run these trials. Feedback from competitors and judges at all these trials and competitions has been very positive. On behalf of the club, thank you to all those involved. It is greatly appreciated. Within the next few months, we look forward to running the club’s inaugural Double Tricks Test and Double Obedience Trial.

Our membership team, Sherelle, Tricia, Julie and Xiang have managed to welcome our new members with a smile, even when there are long queues on new members days. My thanks to the whole team for handling this stressful task. They have been ably supported by our website coordinator, Steve Si, who has worked behind the scenes maintaining the member database and name tags as well as many other website tasks. Steve has decided he wants a break from this role after seven years and we must say a huge thanks to him for his commitment and service to the club.Thanks again to Mike Richer for organising CPR Refresher and First Aid courses on

19th August so that there is always someone capable on the ground, should a

medical emergency arise.

As more disciplines have become a part of the club it has, at times, been challenging to meet the ongoing needs of each group. Our current discipline coordinators, Jennifer Hamilton (Agility),Rebecca Braid (Obedience and Retrieving), Penny Dalzell (DWD and Tricks), Gael Goldsack (Scent Work) and Di Hollett (Rally) have worked very hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for our members to train and trial with their dogs. Thankfully we have had some very productive meetings of the discipline coordinators in an attempt to avoid and resolve any issues. I am very grateful for all the work they do.

I am pleased to say that we finalised a Code of Conduct during the past year, as well as specifying some protocols for posting on social media. Again, this was completed in consultation with the executive and discipline coordinators. I am keen that we have a club where we can work together to provide the best experience for all our members.

I would like to thank all those who hold the many vital roles in our club, particularly the committee and our valued instructors in all disciplines, as they continue to offer their time and experience to help the many ordinary members gain skills and build a positive relationship with their canine companions.

I must particularly thank Sarah, our secretary, who has taken on the often daunting tasks necessary to ensure the club runs smoothly. Her level head and efficiency in everything she does has been invaluable.

Vickie Dean - President

**Secretary’s Report**

I have enjoyed supporting the club in my first year as secretary. I’ve had a lot of help from lots of people while learning the ropes and they have all shown great patience in teaching me process and practice. I have almost learned all the acronym too! I would particularly like to thank Gael Goldsack, Vickie Dean and Di Hollett for the support they have generously given, particularly in the early days. After responding to 1,140 emails as of the 14th August, I feel like I have almost got the hang of the extensive admin requirements of a diverse, vibrant dog club!

Post-COVID, in response to member requests, we have moved back to a face-to-face model for general meetings which has improved ease of communications. We retain a dual model (face-to-face and online) for committee meetings.

This year, the club wrote and adopted a Code of Conduct and this has entailed working closely with the president and vice-presidents (Vickie, Julie and Eve) to resolve what has included some complex issues. They have demonstrated the highest standard of integrity with regard to these and always made themselves available for meetings and document drafting, often at short notice. I have really enjoyed working with them and am looking forward to doing so again.

Sarah Bryce - Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report**

Year ended 30th June, 2023:

The club’s membership has bounced back after a few years of Covid, and the club seems to be back in full swing.

Total membership income received for the year was $44,390 up from $40,600 the previous year.

The major increase in expense was the rent and light hire of the grounds from $10,543 this year compared to $6,500 the previous year.

Trial income was also up this year to $21,185 as opposed to the previous year of $8,485. Trial expenses for the year were $13,890 making a total profit of $7,295 for the club trials.

The club’s net profit as at 30 June, 2023 was $8,946.

Allison Harvey - Treasurer

**Membership Report**

The membership team has had another busy year in 2022-2023. We started 2023 off with a bang with renewals over the Christmas break and in February, and as always we had a busy February and March, juggling ongoing member renewals with large numbers of new members. We are continuing to welcome large numbers of new members at our monthly intakes, which keep us busy.

This year we had some changes to the membership team, welcoming Xiang Bryce to the team. I would like to say a massive thank you to my amazing membership team – Tricia Nicola, Julie Hunter, and Xiang Bryce (helped by mum Sarah Bryce) – for your fantastic work this year! Thank you also to Vickie Dean, who has helped out at the desk and with the Square when I have been away. Special thanks must go to Tricia, who has been at the desk just about every week without fail for the last couple of years and often by herself while I am instructing.

On behalf of the membership team I would also like to say a massive thank you to Steve Si, who is leaving after many years as the website/technology coordinator. Thank you Steve for your help at the desk, printing thousands of cards, helping us with the IT side of things and helping get the Squares set up. Without Steve’s tireless work, we wouldn’t have a membership system or online payment system. Steve, thank you so much. We will miss you.

Sherelle Casey - Membership secretary

**Chief Instructor Agility Report**

Events

Since the AGM in 2022, the agility trial subcommittee has conducted the following events:

* Agility and Jumping Trial on 26 February 2023 – this was a once-off trial. There were 366 entries and generated over $2700 in profit for the club.
* Agility and Jumping Trial on 6 August 2023 – the club’s annual agility and jumping trial attracted 414 entries and generated close to $2000 in profit for the club.

As always, our events rely heavily on club volunteers and we are grateful to all the club members who have contributed their time and energy to enable these events to occur.

Subcommittee

The subcommittee has remained the same since the AGM in 2022 with:

* Carmen Kong as Trial Secretary
* Wayne Bogart as Trial Manager
* Nicole Van Barneveld as Trophy Officer
* Julie Hunter as Chief Steward

Wayne will not continue on the subcommittee following the 2023 AGM. We thank Wayne for his advice and contribution to the running of the trials. Julie, Nicole and Carmen are willing to continue in their roles for 2023-24, in anticipation of organising the 4th August 2024 agility and jumping trial.

The subcommittee requires two new members if the activities are to be sustained.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships have allowed the club to completely eliminate spending on trial prizes and almost eliminate spending on gifts for judges and Dogs NSW representatives. Our sponsors for this year have been:

* Huds and Toke donated prizes for the February 2023 trial
* Sassy Treats donated the gifts for the judges and Dogs NSW representative for the February 2023 trial
* Donations from sponsors covered all prizes and the judges’ gifts for the August 2023 trial and those sponsors were: Prime 100, Laila & Me, Stylish Hound, TuMeke Pet, Rascals Treats, and Canine Fitness and Rehabilitation Australia

**Chief Instructor Obedience Report**

The Obedience Instructors of NSDTC have continued to provide wonderful classes in Obedience for a huge number of our members. As the community has opened back up after the pandemic restrictions numbers in Obedience continue to be strong.

Obedience remains a fun and engaging way for members to learn about canine good manners and the joys of dog ownership. Classes have been well attended and large numbers of dogs taught and socialised making for well-behaved members of the community and happy handlers. We continue in Obedience to have several specialist training days and afternoons on topics ranging from keeping handlers confident, handling anxious dogs to day workshops to increase Instructors skills. The KK9 award continues to be a benchmark for good canine citizenship and is recognised by Ku-ring-ai council. Our Retrieving group has also grown and new members are enjoying the art of retrieving and more. The Obedience Class Coordinators bring it all together on training days with their administration skills and organising skills.

Obedience Trialling continues to engage our club with the larger dog loving community via Trials, stewarding and involvement with Dogs NSW. We have had some wonderful successes with trialling at the Royal Easter Show 2023, metropolitan and country trials. All this is done with a great sense of sporting fun and fairness as well as the enjoyment of winning that closer relationship with our dogs. We are also about to introduce a double obedience trial for the first time.

Five new Obedience Instructors will soon be added to the ranks for 2023. The course has included three months of intense theory and currently the next phase of training includes another three months of intense practical on the ground in Obedience classes. Obedience Instructors have been mentoring these new trainees and their generous sharing of knowledge has helped the trainees move into confidence with their training.

Deputy Chief Instructor Obedience Eve Park has carried promotional loads and instructed many puppy classes for the club. Deputy Chief Instructor Judy Perrin continues to carry out the major teaching role for the new trainee Obedience Instructors who will be graduating soon. Deputy Chief Instructor Penny Dalzell has run Ring Practice for CCD/CD, the more advanced Obedience classes for triallers, the Tricks classes and the Dances with Dogs classes as well as continuing an outstanding trialling success. Well done all and congratulations to all the Obedience Instructors on a great year.

Rebecca Braid - Chief Instructor Obedience

Other reports as submitted:

**Agility Trial Secretary Report**

**Clubhouse Report**

The canteen at the clubhouse seems to be picking up the pace with the increase in trials held at the grounds and continuing large numbers of members who are attending the club and stopping in for coffees and a chat.

There is a growing number of items in the lost property box so if members have misplaced collars, drink bottles, jackets or even a set of car keys this is the first place to look.

I would like to put out a call for any of the members who would like to volunteer for a Clubhouse clean up day at the end of the year, date to be determined but likely early December.

Sandi Daley – Clubhouse Officer

**Dances with Dogs Training Report**

DWD is gaining in popularity.
With 16 in the class at present, the class is actually too large and there is generally a waiting list to join the class. In the once-a-month lesson, participants perform their routines so that they can get help to improve choreography and moves. And then the class participants learn/practice moves and skills to use in routines.

Penny Dalzell – DWD Discipline Coordinator

**Dancing with Dogs test secretary report**

NSDTC held a very successful Double Dances with Dogs Competition in February. We had a record number of 73 entries overall - a huge entry for a Double DWD Competition. There were many positive comments on the atmosphere, organisation, and smooth running of the Competitions. The overall standard of the routines was very high.
NSDTC has a wonderful team of helpers for our DWD Competitions and they ensure the success of our Competitions.

Penny Dalzell – DWD Discipline Coordinator

**Education Sub-Committee Report** – Eve Park

This year various disciplines have organised their own workshops specific to their own interests. With so many disciplines now it has become increasingly difficult to present general topics & times that work for participants.
I have a few suggestions for the coming year so hopefully next year’s report will be longer.

Eve Park - Chair Education Subcommittee

**KK9 Report**

The KK9 award program, as the promotion test to third class, continued to have another very successful year.

The Mayor, Jeff Pettett, presented the 2022 KK9 recipients their certificates and dog leads at the Christmas Party in December which was enjoyed by both the members and their dogs. During 2022 we saw 39 members complete the course. This was a little lower than in previous years due to the weather conditions throughout the year. Hayden Tucker and his dog Baxter were awarded the KK9 Dog of the Year award.

2023 has continued to see large numbers in class each week and members and their dogs very keen to train and progress. We have seen 38 members promoted so far this year.

I would like to thank John Jonker and Scott Ross who play a pivotal role in the success of the KK9 program at the club.

Jenny Burnell - KK9 Coordinator

**Obedience Trial Secretary Report – post currently vacant**

April trial report will be included by AGM.

**Rally Report**

January this year saw our wonderful Rally group enthusiastic as always, continue with their training. Our group trains throughout the summers months & we take our break during the winter months

Our numbers throughout the year are approximately 25 each week and this is spread over 3 rings, Novice, Advanced & Master/Excellent. Many of our members join us from class 3 & we have a few new members joining us from other clubs.

We have members in our group working towards Rally Championship & 1 member gained their Championship this year which is an extraordinary effort. Several titles have been gained by our members & we enjoy celebrating these each week at the commencement of our class.

We are very fortunate to have Gila Levy, Anna Bryant & Margaret Ramsay helping instruct our keen members every week & I am forever grateful

Congratulations to the Rally Committee for all their efforts in the organisation of our Rally trials in January & April, both very successful. I had the pleasure of judging Rally Advanced in January and I was supported by 3 wonderful stewards from agility which is always appreciated.

We return after our winter break September 4th. Thank-you.

Dianne Hollett - Rally Discipline Coordinator.

**Rally Trial Secretary Report**

We had two Rally trials this year and both were conducted under near perfect conditions. The Club’s annual evening Rally & RATG trial was held on Sat 14th January. The weather was beautiful, the grounds looked good and the whole atmosphere was exploding with enthusiasm and positivity, and all our helpers, stewards and judges were fantastic.

We had an entry of 109 in Rally and 25 in RATG. We sought permission from Dogs NSW this year to restrict our entries in Rally to 38 so we could finish by 10.30pm and be packed up before the lights went out.

Rally Novice judge was Shanelle Corben from Wollondilly. We had 38 entries, 6 withdrawals and 22 Qualifications. Rally Advanced was judged by Di Hollett. We had 38 entries, 10 withdrawals and 18 Qualifications. Rally Excellent and Masters was judged by Tracy Geary. We had 17 entries in RE, 5 withdrawals and 8 Qualifications. In RM we had 16 entries, 2 withdrawals and 10 Qualifications.

**Rally Novice** – Tsuey Hiu and Ollie (1st Place), Qualifications to Sigrid Boehme and Paris, Sherelle Casey and Jasper, Noelle Deshon and Jack, Pat Walsh and Shakira, Di Flinders and Pippi, Frankie Aston and Atlas, Julie Hunter and Jazzie, Beth Manefield and Penny Lane, Sofia Roytblat and Freya

**Rally Advanced** – Barbara Hodel and Keerg Chill (1st place), Julie Hunter and Neo (2nd Place), Tricia Nicola and Abbey (3rd Place). Qualifications to Susie Rusli and Peggy, Deborah Varnay and Raya, Marcel Fitzgerald and Merrin, Frankie Aston and Skye, Deb Varnay and Evie

**Rally Excellent** - Qualifications to Noelle Deshon and Luack May Gibbs

**Rally Master** – Kerrie McCutcheon and Millie (1st Place), Qualifications to Rachel Tiah and Taylea, Susie Rusli and Kirin

Our Second trial on Sunday 30 April saw Obedience take place in the morning and Rally in the afternoon. Once again the atmosphere was one of enthusiasm and support for all our fellow dogs and dog lovers. This time Ron Probert judged Rally Novice, Jill Kaldor judged Rally Advanced and Di Hollett judged Rally Excellent and Rally Masters.

Once again thank you to our judges, helpers and stewards, you were all amazing. Sigrid managed to acquire a sponsorship from ZamiPet so were able to give competitors a jar of Dog Supplements with their prizes.

In **Rally Novice** we had 102 entries, 12 withdrawals and 15 qualifications. 1st Rozlyn Manning, 2nd Tony Turner, 3rd Thompson Van Linden. From our club we had qualifications from Maryanne Corry and Jack, Gael Goldsack and Jessie, Sumi Saikawa and Jaspire, Anna Uther and Gizmo, Pat Walsh and Shakira.

In **Rally Advanced** we had 25 entries, 11 withdrawals, 10 qualifications. 1st Judy McCartney, 2nd Deborah Varnay with Raya, 3rd Rachel Fullerton. From our club we had qualifications from Deb Varnay and Raya, Susie Rusli and Peggy.

In **Rally Excellent** we had 18 entries, 6 withdrawals, 11 qualifications. 1st Julie Hunter and Neo, 2nd Frankie Aston , 3rd Crystal Chen. From our club we had qualifications from Julie Hunter and Neo, Frankie Aston and Skye, Marcel Fitzgerald and Merrin.

In **Rally Masters** we had 21 entries, 8 withdrawals, 10 qualifications. 1st Susie Rusli and Kirin, 2nd Kerrie McKutcheon and Millie, 3rd Janice Liston. Qualifications from Pauline Camp, Susie Rusli and Kirin, Kerrie McCutcheon and Millie

Thank you to everyone who helped setup, cook, present prizes, prepare morning tea, judges, presenters, photographers, stewards, liaison with council and everyone else who made these events happen. Without the massive number of volunteers these events could not happen.

Margaret Ramsay – Rally Trial Secretary

**Retrieving Report**

Our retrieving group has focused with great success on our January trial. Many members were successful with qualifications in this popular way to begin the RATG trialing year.. Members continue to train on Wednesday evenings each week with a strong and dedicated group of retrieving enthusiasts.

This year has seen some master classes for the retrieving group. Kirsty Blair, Chair of the Retrieving Field Trial Committee Dogs NSW has shared her skills and ideas with the group and inspired many members. The retrieving group has also had monthly water work training for the natural swimmers in the gundog category. Use of long leads and dummies on a dam brings out the best in retrievers from the Vizsla, German Wired Haired Pointer, Golden Retriever, Labradors and Flat Coat Retrievers.

Training has also focussed on trial preparation. A full mock trial was conducted under trial conditions. Shadow judging has also been conducted at various trials to increase the skill of the Retrieving Instructor culminating in our Retrieving Instructor recently being approved as a RATG judge. We look forward to finding an approved date from Dogs NSW for our more recently committee approved double RATG trial in 2024.

Rebecca Braid – Retrieving Discipline Coordinator

**Retrieving Trial Secretary Report**

The Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs Trial was held on Saturday 14th January commencing at 4pm.We were delighted by the number of entries which meant we needed 2 judges, Miss Lyn Elliott for Open & Mr Steve Austin for Novice.

As the judges, stewards & competitors all worked well together the trial finished while it was still light.

Eve Park – Retrieving Trial Secretary

**Scent Work Training Report**

The Scent Work classes are going from strength to strength. Since last year’s AGM we have graduated 3 classes in each level and now have a very full trialling class and have expanded our 12-1pm class times to accommodate them. Our members have been getting some spectacular results in trials with NSDTC members accounting for about ¼ of the entries in metropolitan trials. To date, since the last AGM, 12 NSDTC members have gained Novice titles, 6 Advanced titles, 2 Excellent titles and 4 Element titles. We are expecting our first Masters title very soon.

SWN Frankie with Skye (Sept 22), Sherelle with Jasper (Oct 22) Veronica with Chip (Oct 22), Tricia with Abbey (Oct 22), Karin with Charlie (Oct 22) Frankie with Jaxon (Oct 22), Veronica with Georgie (May 23), Di with Happy (May 23), Anna with Tigger (June 23), Sharon with Atticus ( July 23),Kim with Astro (Aug 23), Dena with Bodhi (Aug 32)

SWA Gael and Jessie (Sept 22) Angelika and Maui (Oct 22), Jill with Briar (Oct 22), Noelle with Jack (Oct 22), Brenda with Liza (May 23), Melissa with Willow (May 23),

SWE Noelle with May (Mar 23), Sharon with Rufus (May 23)

SWC Element title Noelle with May (April 23), Sharon with Rufus (May 23)

SWV Element title Noelle and May (July 23)

SWI Element title Noelle with May (Aug 23)

The enjoyment of the dogs and handlers in this sport is evidenced by the extremely high retention rate in classes and the increasingly large number of triallers.

A huge thank you must go to our small band of marvellous instructors for their enthusiasm and expertise..

Lastly, I must thank the Committee of Management of the Club for the support we have enjoyed in achieving this success.

Gael Goldsack - Scent Work Discipline Coordinator

**Scent Work Trial Secretary Report**

Scent work continues to grow as a sport in NSW and Australia. Trials are becoming larger as there are more competitors and more classes and so each trial is different from last year.

In the last 12 months we have held a day trial in October, an evening trial in December and an evening trial in August this year. The trials have all broken even or made a profit. We are continuing to work out the balance between offering all 4 classes (Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Masters) and a number of elements and finding locations at the showground where dogs don’t cross each others path in lining up to the search and the search is out of the line of sight for all.

Melinda Duker has been trial secretary for October trial last year (as I was on leave) and the August evening trial; she will also manage the December trial. Sophia Roytblat managed our December trial last year. I will manage this year’s October trial

Special thanks also to our Trial Manager, Gael Goldsack and the other Trial Committee members that make it all worth while, Brenda McCloud and now Sherelle Casey.

Gael Goldsack – Scentwork Discipline Coordinator / in liaison with Noelle Deshon – Scentwork Trial Secretary

**Tricks Training Report**

Tricks are becoming very popular even though it is difficult to get into a competition (test).
With 38 on the books, the class is oversubscribed and there is a waiting list.
In their monthly lesson all participants receive training and practice of tricks from Starter to Advanced. There have been regular “mock” tests for all who wish to participate.

Penny Dalzell – Tricks Discipline Coordinator

**Tricks Test Report** – none as our first test is after the date of the AGM