

NORTHERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB INC
Minutes for the Annual General Meeting
Held in the Jim Powell Pavilion at St Ives Showground
Saturday 24th August 2024 at 4:15pm

Meeting opened by the Vice President, at 4.15 pm

Attendance List – Allison Harvey, Brenda McCloud, Angelika Goehring, Anna Uther, Catherine Crouch, Christiane Diebler, Christine Simons, Deb Selby, Di Hollett, Di Nolder, Eve Park, Francis Nicholas, Gael Goldsack, Jeff Walton, John Jonker, John Sharp, Jill Kaldor, John MacNaughton, Judy Perrin, Julian Williams, Julie Hunter, Justine Arnold, Karin Bridge, Kathy Sharp, Kay Hogan, Kerrie McCutcheon, Maggie Young, Mara Bontempo-Ross, Mark Bowen-Dowling, Melinda Duker, Melissa Chapman, Mike Richer, Nicole Walton, Pam Rutledge, Patricia Walsh, Philip McCloud, Philip Bryce, Ray Temple, Rebecca Braid, Russell Clarke, Sarah Bryce, Scott Ross, Sherelle Casey, Sumi Saikawa, Susan Brown, Tricia Nicola, Vickie Dean, Zina Sim, (Jenny Burnelle and Barbara Gurney attended following vote counting).

Apologies – Ann Clarke, Barbara Rogleff, Carmen Kong, Di Flinders, Marcelle Fitzgerald, Sandi Daley

Moved: Anna Uther Seconded: Gael Goldsack, that attendance/apologies be accepted
Carried unanimously

Reading of Minutes of the last AGM The minutes were circulated and are on the noticeboard, so can be taken as read.

Moved: Julie Hunter Seconded: Sherelle Casey that the AGM minutes are correct.
Carried unanimously.

2023-2024 Reports

Reports for tabling

President's Report

President's report had been uploaded to the Club Website several days before the meeting and was taken as read.

It has been another busy year at Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club. We have continued to be somewhat affected by weather events including wet and windy Saturdays which has meant the unfortunate cancellation of some Agility and Obedience classes. Members have made up for this on sunny days!

There have been many trials and competitions in various disciplines. Since the 2023 AGM, we have held a Rally/RATG trial in January, Double DWD competition in February, a number of Scent Work Trials, RATG trial in Wilton in March, Obedience/Rally Trial in April, Agility Trial and inaugural Double Tricks Test in August, an inaugural Double Obedience Trial in September 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 these trials and competitions has been very positive. We have also been happy to support other clubs at their request with trials. On behalf of the club, thank you to all those involved. You are greatly appreciated.

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 busy task. Special thanks to Julie who has taken on the extra responsibility of printing the membership cards.

Our new website is operational and feedback has been good. Thank you to our communications officer Brenda McCloud for all the effort it took and still takes to make this operational. We continue to work as a committee to ensure that the website provides up to date information for all members. Our Facebook chat group is also well utilized, allowing members to share information and achievements with other members.

Thanks again to Mike Richer for organising a CPR refresher for club instructors so that there is always someone capable on the ground, should a medical emergency arise and for keeping all of our first aid resources up to date.

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, Kay Hogan (Agility), Gila Levy (DWD), Julian Williams (Obedience), Di Hollett (Rally), Rebecca Braid (Retrieving), Gael Goldsack (Scent Work) and Christiane Diebler (Tricks) have worked very hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for our members to train and trial with their dogs. I am very grateful for all the work they do and have been impressed by their willingness to communicate with each other for the benefit of all members.

The Code of Conduct has also provided clear guidelines for dealing with conflicts, as well as specifying some protocols for privacy. During the last few months we have had to make use of the constitution to deal with an issue that could not be resolved via the code of conduct. In this instance an opportunity was provided where those involved in the conflict could share their perspective on the relevant issues with all members, be listened to, and then have members present vote on an outcome.

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 Allison, our treasurer, for continuing to accurately maintain our financial records as she deals with a growing number of financial transactions and, of course, 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

Moved: Jill Kaldor Seconded: Gael Goldsack that the report be received.

Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report had been uploaded to the Club Website several days before the meeting.

Year ended 30th June 2024

Total membership income received for the year was \$47,074 up from \$44,391 the previous year.

Expenses for the year was \$64,396 compared to last year \$55,367, the biggest expense for the year apart from the rent & lights was \$5,835 (Ram Marketing) for our much-needed new website.

Trial income for the year was \$27,858 with trial expenses being \$28,778

The club's net profit as of 30 June 2024 was \$14,236.

The club's audit report for Dogs NSW has been received and will be tabled at the AGM.

Report submitted and read by Allison Harvey, Treasurer.

Moved: Russell Clarke Seconded: Brenda McCloud that the report be received.

Carried unanimously.

Audited Accounts tabled

Summary shown to meeting; all members offered opportunity to read during or following the meeting.

Moved: Sarah Bryce Seconded: Russell Clarke that audited accounts be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Secretary's Report

Secretary's report had been uploaded to the Club Website several days before the meeting

Supporting the committee and club with 7 amazing disciplines for members has resulted in a very busy inbox / outbox again this year: 3, 190 emails. Several hundred of these have been information requests about different classes, especially with new members and we now have a very thorough standard response which includes what to do on the first day, basic member and dog safety and joining the Facebook pages asap to find out more about the club and for wet weather notifications.

This year, the club's office bearers: Vickie, Eve, Julie, Allison, Kay and Julian have again needed to follow through with several complaints requiring the code of conduct and constitutional process. They, as well as the whole committee have demonstrated the highest standard of integrity with regard to these, making themselves available for many meetings and online communications as needed. The committee recently met to discuss updating the code of conduct and constitution for the best outcomes of all club members. The updated code of conduct was then approved unanimously by general members. The constitutional update will be brought to members in September. Now that the complaints register, club documents such as the Statement of Duties and our first aid qualifications are mostly up to date, I look forward to supporting the committee with business as usual and new club initiatives.

Sarah Bryce – Secretary

Moved: Allison Harvey Seconded: Julian Williams that the report be received.

Carried unanimously

Other Reports given have been posted on the website and in the clubhouse and can be taken as read:

Membership Report

In 2024, NSDTC saw a \$20 increase in annual fees but still achieved a total of 394 financial members, including 217 renewals. This is a slight decrease from last year's 449 members for the same period. As usual, February and March were the busiest months due to processing both renewals and new memberships.

Our membership team, consisting of Sherelle Casey, Tricia Nicola and myself actively encouraged members to email their vaccination certificates and payment receipts. This greatly reduced queue times and ensured that everyone could get to class on time. This approach also allowed us to extend a warm welcome to new members via email.

Since Sherelle and I are both instructors and avid triallers, we really appreciated having Tricia manage the desk. She looked after it almost every Saturday and handled most of the welcome emails, while Sherelle and I provided regular support. We also greatly appreciated help from Xiang Bryce, Sarah Bryce, and Vickie Dean at the desk as well as Eve Park, who brought badges to the club when I was away.

After receiving training from Steve Si in 2023, I took on the task of creating and printing name badges, and I'm happy to report that this has been going smoothly.

I look forward to continuing with the team next year.

Julie Hunter for Sherelle Casey - Membership secretary / Membership team

Chief Instructor Agility Report

2024 has proven to be a challenging year for agility training. It seems like we have had more raining than training. Déjà vu of the year post COVID.

We have commenced a new program in ITA (introduction to agility); it appears to be going well.

The agility nationals were held at Orchard Hills in July this year. The grounds were sodden from the rains but that didn't stop competitors from having fun in the mud.

Congratulations to our instructors who did well at the Nationals; they are:
Julie and Jazzy got NATIONAL CHAMPION JUMPING DOG EXCELLENT 400
Maggie and Claude got Runners-up National Champion Master Agility 300
Barbara Hodel and Chillax got Runners-up Novice Agility 600.
Other members came home with quallies.

Our annual Agility and Jumping trial was held on the 4th of August 2024. This trial has taken place on the first Sunday in August for x number of years.

The club's trials rely heavily on volunteers and we really appreciate all the club members who have given their time and energy to enable these events to take place.

The agility subcommittee consists of:
Carmen Kong as Trial Secretary
Nicole Van Barneveld and Donna Sardelich as Trophy Officers
Julie Hunter as Chief Steward.

Donna Sardelich did a wonderful job organising sponsors for our trial. Having such great sponsorship eliminated spending on trial prizes.

The sponsors were:

SNAX
BUSHMANS
SAVOURLIFE
ANTINOL
PETO
BUNNINGS (BELROSE STORE)
KONG COMPANY

Two encouragement awards were donated by STYLISH HOUND

Our very own first time trialler Phillip Mann won one of the fabulous packs from Stylish Hound. Finally, I would like to thank all the agility instructors who give their time freely to train others.

Kay Hogan – Chief Instructor Agility

Chief Instructor Obedience Report

Firstly I would like to thank my amazing team of instructors who have gone above and beyond to make sure our obedience classes run smoothly to provide the highest quality of training to club members throughout the past year. With an ever increasing number of New Members and large classes this club could not be the "go to place" to train dogs without your incredible support and knowledge. This year has seen a big return of the most experienced of instructors, from judges, judges in training and highly experienced triallers all offering their expertise to our obedience classes.

Sadly we said goodbye to two of our most loved and long serving members and instructors, Cyril Hart and Dick Williams. What a huge loss for our club. These wonderful gentlemen will be remembered by us for their unwavering kindness, courtesy, humour and dedication to instructing. You have left behind a memory of two wonderful people and will be long remembered by all of us who were fortunate to have known you

NSDTC has a very high number of members and running the obedience classes on Saturdays is a big challenge to our team. Our biggest challenge this year has been the number of wet weather events necessitating class cancellations due the grounds being unfit to train on. It is always disappointing. However the safety of our dogs and members is always of the highest consideration. On the Saturdays when it hasn't rained, we have all really enjoyed and appreciated the fun and pleasure of getting together for training.

Our triallers are proof of our excellence in training with great achievements to brag about. We are so proud of you.

Thank you Sandi for providing us with the coffee and delicious goodies you make for us each Saturday. And to the incredible ladies who work on our membership desk. Somehow you manage to organise long lines of new members joining every month guiding them calmly and efficiently through organised chaos! To all of you who have helped, encouraged and supported me in the role of CI this year my heartfelt thanks.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication and very best wishes for the year ahead.
Julian Williams - Chief Instructor Obedience

Other reports:

Agility Trial Secretary Report

On Sunday 4 August 2024, NSDTC hosted our annual agility and jumping trial.

We expected a lower entry than usual due to our trial being only two weeks after the National agility trials, but we ended up with a very respectable 378 runs (compared to 414 runs in 2023) by 134 dogs (compared to 142 dogs in 2023). Our judges were Ms Emi Hinago, Mr Dean Crossthaite and Mr Wayne Bogart, with Mr Ryan Fonti as our Dogs NSW representative. Many club volunteers were out in force to ensure the smooth running of the day, and we are grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success. Several club members had qualifying runs.

Last year the committee approved expenditure for new stakes and bunting to provide temporary soft fencing around the competition rings. This once again proved valuable when the performance cars from the monthly car club revved past the dog rings on their way out onto Mona Vale Road. The excessive noise made by the car club has been reported to Ku-ring-gai Council which has agreed to take steps next year to minimise disruption to the trial caused by the cars.

The club was supported by a number of sponsors who donated the products which were used for prizes, eliminating club expenditure on prizes for the trial. The donors were:

- Bushman Repellent
- Antinol Australia
- Stylish Hound
- Snax for Dogs
- Savour Life
- KONG Company
- PetO

Bunnings Belrose donated some toys as prizes as well as sand which allowed us to fill new tunnel bags, improving safety for dogs at the trial and at our own club training. A full income and expenses report is submitted for the general meeting following this meeting.

Many thanks to the agility trial subcommittee for 2023-24: Julie Hunter, Donna Sardelich and Nicole Van Barneveld. The financial report for the trial has been submitted for the general meeting of August 2024.

Carmen Kong – Agility Trial Secretary

Clubhouse Report

This year there has been more activity happening at the clubhouse on the weekends in addition to regular sessions on Saturday with trials held from the various disciplines.

We are currently investigating the possibility of giving the kitchen and office an upgrade to help improve the efficiency of these areas during events and meetings. I have been liaising with potential builders to start with the kitchen area and they have put forward quotes between \$16-

35K so I have whittled it down to the final 3 and can present these in more detail at the next general meeting.

We still need more input as to what we might need with the office zone so please feel free to submit ideas to make this zone more workable so this can be Part B of the renovations.

I'm keen to hear any fund-raising ideas to support the clubhouse running, happy to coordinate a cake stall and / or a "bring and buy" to help top up funds.

Lastly, I would like to suggest that we see if council is agreeable to have a recycling collection bin at the showgrounds so that the paper and bottles/cans etc can be easily taken care of.

Sandi Daley – Clubhouse Officer

Communications Report

This year has seen the launch of the new Club website. Many hours were spent in consultation with club members and sourcing images and content. My thanks must go to the website builder Rebecca Mitchell (RAM Marketing) for helping us achieve the desired outcome. The information on the website is easy to find and allows the "News" section to be updated in a timely fashion. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Our online profile with Facebook continues to be well utilized. The chat page is a favourite portal for sharing news and canine achievements. During the year, some concerns were raised regarding members' privacy about sharing photographs on social media. We have asked all members to ensure they have subjects' permission prior to sharing their images. Another privacy issue that of members' emails. It is now club policy that group emails be sent blind copy (bcc) to prevent unsolicited sharing of addresses.

Brenda McCloud – Communications Officer

Dances with Dogs Training Report

The DWD class is held once a month. Our class members travel from suburbs of Southern, Eastern and Western Sydney as well as from local suburbs, in order to attend these classes. In spite of the earlier start time of 5.30 pm, which was introduced in about 2018 to accommodate Tricks, DWD class participants are getting only 2 turns each in the ring during the monthly 2 hour Class. In the ring every participant's routine is critiqued and the Coordinator, together with the more experienced class members, offer advice and suggestions on the various elements of the DWD Divisions and classes.

Most members compete and there have been many titles in the last 12 months. Members also assist in the running of DWD Competitions.

Gila Levy – DWD Discipline Coordinator

Dancing with Dogs test secretary report

The DWD double competition 25 February 2024 was a successful double trial with a total of 76 entries, breaking even with \$28.65 profit.

The next DWD double competition will be on 23 February 2025 and planning is underway. Judges are contracted through the previous trial secretary.

Cheryl Neal – ACT

Nicola Hardaker – ACT

Meg Yerbury – NSW

The schedule will be sent to DogsNSW in the next couple of weeks as well as booking the Amenities Building. I will organise a trial committee to further plan and organise the trial.

Thank-you.

Christiane Diebler – DWD Trial Secretary

Education Sub-Committee Report

We have had a very busy & weather interrupted year but did benefit from very informative talks by vets: our patron Dr James Thompson and instructor Dr Sherelle Casey .
The then Chief Instructor Jen Hamilton organised a wonderful agility workshop by judges Emi Hinago and Dean Crossthwaite that was well attended.

There are plans to survey members to find future topics of interest. With so many disciplines now available it is difficult to find times that fit the timetable. That is the challenge for the next year.
Eve Park - Chair Education Subcommittee

KK9 Report

The KK9 award program, as the promotion test to third class has once again continued to have a successful year.

The Mayor, Sam Ngai, presented the 2023 KK9 recipients their certificates and dog leads at the Christmas Party in December which was enjoyed by both the members and their dogs.

The KK9 Dog of the Year was awarded to Gordon Whitehead and his dog Huey.

2024 continued to see large numbers in class each week and members and their dogs very keen to train and progress. Wet weather hampered training during the first part of the year resulting in lower-than-average numbers being promoted up until now. We have seen 24 members promoted.

I would like to thank John Jonker who has played a pivotal role in the success of the KK9 program during 2024.

Jenny Burnell - KK9 Coordinator

Obedience Trial Secretary Report

NSDTC has held 2 obedience trials in the last year.

The club has continued to build new opportunities for additional trials and in September 2023 we added a new date and double obedience trial to our club calendar. Mara

Bontempo-Ross was our Trial Manager. It was well attended and a great success across our 10 classes judged. There were 116 competitors registered across both the morning trial and the afternoon trial. There were 15 qualifiers. Many of our own members were trialling with some great team partnerships evident, and qualifications to celebrate and be proud of.

Unfortunately, on the weekend of the event, the Rural Fire Service was undertaking Hazard Reduction burns in the area around the St Ives Showground and the St Ives Wild Flower Garden so the air quality was compromised. There were also light aircraft present in the area monitoring the controlled burn as well as smoke haze. This was a unique situation and hopefully one that won't be a challenge in future. We are advertising our 2024 event for next month at present with the same double trial format. Entries are once again strong. We are hoping to be able to continue to maintain this popular club calendar event next year.

Our second obedience trial was combined with Rally on 28th April 2024

The format was the Obedience trial first at 9am and the Rally classes followed. We had wonderful weather for our event. 5 Obedience classes were offered with 69 entries across all of the classes. We had only 11 qualifiers across all rings, 4 of which were NSDTC members. All competitors were amicable, and everyone was having a great time with their dogs. Pat Walsh with Shakira in CD was the Highest scoring Obedience Club member of the day (CD and above) with 195 points and was the recipient of the Smith Award. Pat has her name engraved on our perpetual trophy and she was presented an engraved plaque to keep.

Congratulations, Pat!

We will be running this event next year, but our designated weekend now clashes with the Nationals, consequently, an alternate date is being negotiated with Dogs NSW.

Marg Ramsay and Alison Malorey – Obedience Trial Secretaries during 2024-2025

Rally Report

January this year saw our wonderful Rally group enthusiastic as always, continue with their training. Our group trains throughout the summer's 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. 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 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.

We return after our winter break on September 2nd.
Dianne Hollett - Rally Discipline Coordinator.

Rally Trial Secretary Report

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club hosts 2 Rally trials each year: an evening trial in early January and then a daytime trial at the end of April.

Rally Trial January 13th, 2024

This year we had a very hot day for our January event and setting up for our trial was hard work in the heat. We thank John, Denise, Rob, Pat and Noah who worked for the hottest part of the day preparing our rings. The temperature moderated in the evening and proved to be wonderful conditions for our trial. Di Hollett took on the role as Trial manager and it was valuable having her experience to help anticipate and solve any problems.

The event ran very smoothly and successfully. We ran 4 classes, Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and Rally Masters with 99 entries across all of the classes. Many of our own members competed with some fantastic results. 18 of the 44 qualifiers from the evening were our members which was an awesome result. There was some great team work, moral support, encouragement and camaraderie witnessed from our club members.

Rally Trial April 28th, 2024

We had wonderful weather for our daytime Trial on 28th April. This event was run together with our Obedience event classes. The Obedience trial began at 9am and the Rally followed not before 1pm. Mel Duker worked as Trial Manager and was a great help on the day.

Once again, we ran 4 Rally classes, Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and Rally Masters with 108 entries across all of the classes. We had 48 qualifiers from all 4 classes of which NSDTC members accounted for 18 of those successes. All competitors, stewards, judges and other helpers were supportive and friendly. It was encouraging to see everyone was cooperative and having a great time with their dogs.

Margaret Ramsay – Rally Trial Secretary

Retrieving Report

At NSDTC Retrieving on Wednesday nights we have had a number of keen members and their bundles of joy join the class this last year. Our triallers group continues to grow with most members now competing in Novice Level in official Dogs NSW RATG trials. We are proud of all our triallers especially those competing in the upper level of Open RATG with several members now close to titles. We have expanded our training for throwers and now have a healthy number of volunteers each Wednesday night we train for our single and double mark retrieves. Go team. We have expanded our group so that many of the retrieving volunteers were invited, and some attended the "Thank you to Volunteer Dinner" so well organised by our club Secretary Sarah Bryce this year for NSDTC.

All of our volunteers make our trials work so well. Our January trial was well attended and will now move to a property with dams in 2025. Our March Trial at Wilton (a new trial for NSDTC) was a booked out success with access to water in dams for the water component of titles. Big thank-you to RATG Trial Secretary Alison Malorey, Jan 2024 RATG Manager Carl Lundberg and March 2024 RATG Manager John MacNaughton.

We have also been donated a thrower by one of our members and this brings our equipment up to a standard able to be used to run a complete trial. I have judged at Scone for the Working Gundog Group, at Wilton for NSDTC, at Blacktown for Blacktown Dog Training Club and for the Goldie Club at Dogs NSW. It is a pleasure to see our members enjoying competing with top quality stewards from our club and excellent equipment from NSDTC. I have loved doing what I do for our Retrieving group in 2024.

Rebecca Braid – Retrieving Discipline Coordinator

Retrieving Trial Secretary Report

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club hosted 2 RATG events in the last year.

The first was an evening event in January 2023 combined RATG with Rally. Carl Lundberg was our RATG event Trial Manager, assisted by Eve Park and Di Hollett was our Rally Trial Manager. It was a very hot day for setting the rings and classes up but the evening format worked well as the temperature moderated. There were 2 RATG Classes, Open and Novice, with strong entries for each. The courses were run at the rear of the club rings area in the open ground to the east. Several of our own club members competed. The handlers and their dogs all did well and enjoyed the trial with 3 qualifiers in Novice and 3 qualifiers in Open. Congratulations to the following club members who took all places in OPEN:

1st Angelika Goehring, 2nd Ray Temple, 3rd Bernie Warren.

The second RATG event was a new date a new location for the club. It was held at Nadia Badger's property at Roundhill Road in Wilton on Saturday 16th March 2024. John MacNaughton was the Trial Manager. The event did not need to be advertised widely. It was advertised on social media and on our club website and Facebook pages. Online entries were full within 10 days and a waiting list held. 2 classes were run, Novice and open. Rebecca Braid was our judge for both. There were 7 qualifiers across both classes. The competing dogs were very enthusiastic and were overjoyed to be directed into the dam to retrieve. It was a pleasure to see so much enjoyment from all concerned. The trial organising team and committee agreed that it had been a great day. We are presently planning the next event for 15th March 2025 to be held at the same location.

Alison Malorey and Marg Ramsay – Retrieving Trial Secretary

Scent Work Training Report

The Scent Work classes continue to attract large numbers of members, many of which have joined specifically to learn Scent Work. NSDTC is still the only Club in the metropolitan area to offer weekly classes in the discipline.

To cope with the demand and to reduce the waiting list, we added the Arena Pavilion to our venue bookings from March 2024 for a 6-month trial period.

Since last year's AGM we have graduated 5 classes in each level: Beginners, Introduction to (Birch) Odour, Introduction to Anise, Clove and Cypress. Our trialling classes are extremely popular, so we have been holding 2 or 3 groups most Saturdays to meet the demand. This year, we have been concentrating on skills in this class. These classes have been well received by members. We have also added 8 Monday night classes, for those trialling in Advanced or above, while Rally is in winter recess.

Our members have been producing some spectacular results in trials with NSDTC members accounting for a high proportion of qualifiers at most trials. The increased number of Scent Work trials offered over the past 12 months, means there are trials most weeks. Many of these trials

are breed group specific or limited classes or elements on offer. Since the last AGM, 32 titles were gained by NSDTC members: 9 Novice titles, 10 Advanced titles, 5 Excellent titles, 1 Masters title and 7 Element titles,

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 successful triallers. We have added another 3 instructors to our group, so we now have 10 in total. A huge thank you must go to all our wonderful 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

Over the August 2023-24 period the Scent Work Trial Sub-Committee have successfully run 4 trials at St Ives Showgrounds. These trials have provided the opportunity for our Scent Work community, both NSDTC club members and supporters of our club who have come to our trials. A summary of the trials is as follows:

- October 2023:
 - Day trial consisting of a mix of all levels and elements.
 - This trial engaged 6 judges and over 300 runs.
- December Evening 2023:
 - An evening Containers only trial across 4 levels.
 - This trial engaged 3 judges and 125 runs.
- January Evening 2024
 - An evening for Excellent and Masters level across Containers, Interiors and Excellent elements.
 - This trial engaged 5 judges and 136 runs.
- June Evening 2024
 - An evening for Novice and Advanced level across Containers and Interiors elements.
 - This trial engaged 3 judges and 150 runs.

An aim of the Scent Work Trial Sub-Committee was to provide these trial opportunities with a cost neutral financial position to the club. We are pleased to share that across the 4 trials we have delivered a \$370 profit.

Over this time our trials have also received much positive feedback from our judges and competitors. We are also grateful to the NSDTC committee and the broader membership base for their support, especially the members who volunteer their time to assist at the trials.

Looking forward into the 2024-25 year we have the following trials scheduled in the DNSW calendar:

- October 2024
 - Sunday 13 Oct our day trial forecasted for 380 runs and a profit of ~ \$1,500.
 - We are awaiting DNSW approval to extend this trial with Fri 11 Oct Ultimate level trial at Frenchs Forest St Albans Church.
- Jan & June 2025
 - Details of these evening trials to be confirmed closer to the dates.

Across all trials, Scent Work will bring a profit of \$1,000 for the club.

Noelle Deshon / Mel Duker – Scentwork Trial Secretaries during 2024-2025

Tricks Training Report

I have instructed so far four lessons, unfortunately we had rain twice.

We can now use Hut B for tricks, so we can start the training at 7pm even if it rains. For an upcoming trick trial I set a ring during the last training and took members through their tricks for

practice. There are approx. 30 members on the class list, probably about half that number come to training each session. There is no current waiting list and every member from third class on can join the class.

We had a very good entry for the tricks trial, every class besides Advanced is full.

I also want to thank Gila for helping with the training. Looking forward to the warmer weather for our training for the next few months.

Christiane Diebler – Tricks Discipline Coordinator

Tricks Test Report

Following the success of the 2023 event, on Sunday 18 August the Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club will host another double tricks trial.

We have a full complement of competitors entered in Starters, Novice and Intermediate classes with Advanced level also attracting a strong entry.

This year's show will operate using the new ring size of 12m x 12m and with the new rule which allows competitors to nominate their chosen tricks in their own preferred order.

Club members and volunteers have been amazing during the event planning and preparation, leaning in to support and assist me with entries, ribbons, cataloguing, trial set-up, stewarding and hospitality for our judges.

Many thanks to our judges, Christiane, Loretta, Meg and Judy, and a big thanks to our Dogs NSW representative, Sally Duncan.

A post-trial report will be prepared and submitted following the event.

Moira Sharp – Tricks test secretary

Reports presented as read and accepted: Moved: Gael Goldsack Sec: Sherelle Casey
– carried unanimously

The chair then declared all positions on the committee of management vacant

Nominations received have been tabled by the Secretary.

Nominations received 2024 – one nomination per position presented for approval

Office Bearers:

(must be members of DOGS NSW and can only hold one position of office)

Vice President

(Agility) Maggie Young (Nom. by Di Hollett, Sec. by Karin Bridge) – approved unanimously

Vice President

(Obedience) Eve Park (Nom. by Sarah Bryce, Sec. by Tricia Nicola) - approved unanimously

Secretary

Sarah Bryce (Nom. by Eve Park, Sec. by Tricia Nicola) - approved unanimously

Treasurer

Diane Nolder (Nom. by Rebecca Braid, Sec. by Linda Taneja – NOMINATION WITHDRAWN)

Allison Harvey (Nom. by Kay Hogan, Sec. Kirsten Andre) - approved unanimously

Chief Instructor (Agility)

Kay Hogan (Nom. by Allison Harvey, Sec. by Kirsten Andre) - approved unanimously

Chief Instructor (Obedience)

Julian Williams (Nom. by Christine Simons, Sec. by Sarah Bryce) - approved unanimously

Other Committee Positions (discipline coordinators)

Rally Co-ordinator

Di Hollett (Nom. by Gila Levy, Sec. by Tricia Nicola) - approved unanimously

Scent Work Coordinator

Gael Goldsack (Nom. by Brenda McCloud, sec. by Di Hollett) - approved unanimously

Tricks Discipline Coordinator

Christiane Diebler (Nom. by Eve Park, Sec. by Melissa Chapman) - approved unanimously

Other Committee Positions

Council Admin. Officer

Kay Hogan (Nom. by Allison Harvey, Sec. by Kirsten Andre) - approved unanimously

Assistant treasurer

Sherelle Casey (Nom. by Vickie Dean, Sec. by Tricia Nicola) - approved unanimously

Communications officer

Brenda McCloud (Nom. by Gael Goldsack, Sec. by Karin Bridge) - approved unanimously

Membership Secretary 1

Julie Hunter (Nom. by Sarah Bryce, Sec. by Sherelle Casey) - approved unanimously

Membership Secretary 2

Tricia Nicola (Nom. by Sherelle Casey, Sec. by Vickie Dean) - approved unanimously

Clubhouse Coordinator

Sandi Daley (Nom. by Sarah Bryce, Sec. by Christine Simons) - approved unanimously

Trial & Training Equipment Officer

John Jonker (Nom. by Julie Hunter, Sec. by Susan Brown) - approved unanimously

NB Jeff Walton (Nom. by Brenda McCloud, Sec. by Gael Goldsack – NOMINATION WITHDRAWN, but happy to support John with equipment)

A vote was called for the positions of President, Dancing with Dogs Coordinator, Retrieving Coordinator. Nominations were as follows:

President / 2 nominations:

Vickie Dean (Nom. by Sherelle Casey, Sec. by Eve Park) 135

Diane Nolder (Nom. by Rebecca Braid, Sec. by Colleen Uren) 36

Dancing with Dogs Discipline Coordinator / 2 nominations:

Christiane Diebler (Nom. by Eve Park, Sec. by Melissa Chapman) 125

Gila Levy (Nom. by Anna Bryant, Sec. by Leslie Rowling) 49

Retrieving Discipline Coordinator / 2 nominations:

Rebecca Braid (Nom. by Helen McArthur, Sec. by Linda Taneja) 54

Ray Temple (Nom. by Angelika Goehring, Sec. by Melissa Chapman) 117

Postal votes had been opened and counted by the returning officer. Votes cast at the meeting were counted by the returning officer. All votes were checked against the current membership list. The results were declared by Barbara Gurney, Returning Officer:

President / 2 nominations:

Vickie Dean (Nom. by Sherelle Casey, Sec. by Eve Park) 135 votes

Diane Nolder (Nom. by Rebecca Braid, Sec. by Colleen Uren) 36 votes

Vickie Dean declared President

Dancing with Dogs Discipline Coordinator / 2 nominations:

Christiane Diebler (Nom. by Eve Park, Sec. by Melissa Chapman) 125 votes

Gila Levy (Nom by Anna Bryant, Sec. by Leslie Rowling) 49 votes

Christiane Diebler declared Dancing with Dogs Discipline Coordinator

Retrieving Discipline Coordinator / 2 nominations:

Rebecca Braid (Nom. by Helen McArthur, Sec. by Linda Taneja) 54 votes

Ray Temple (Nom. by Angelika Goehring, Sec. by Melissa Chapman) 117 votes

Ray Temple declared Retrieving Discipline Coordinator

The President, Vickie Dean, assumed the chair, thanking outgoing committee members and welcoming any incoming committee members.

Outgoing:

Gila Levy was thanked for her work as DWD Discipline Coordinator over the last few months and her support of the discipline before this and it is hoped that this support will be ongoing.

Rebecca Braid was thanked for her fabulous work as Retrieving Discipline Coordinator and the President hoped that she would continue her support of the discipline.

Incoming:

Tricia Nicola was welcomed back to the committee as a membership secretary,

Ray Temple was welcomed for a second term as Retrieving Discipline Coordinator,

(NB Maggie Young was thanked at the subsequent general meeting with apologies for not welcoming her at this point as incoming Vice-President - Agility)

The President then called for nominations for **Patrons**.

Nominated by Eve Park: Dr James (Jim) Thompson would be honoured to continue as a patron of NSDTC. Approved unanimously

Any other nominations?

Secretary will invite the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai to be patron following upcoming elections. Approved unanimously.

Mara Bontempo-Ross suggested a vet in Manly. She will contact them to ask if they would accept a nomination. If yes, secretary will contact with official invitation to be patron. Approved unanimously.

Question from floor: What is the role of patron?

Answer in summary from secretary: A non-member who supports the club in specific ways using qualifications/experience. For example, a veterinary patron comes to give the club a talk on current issues; the mayor as patron is invited to present the KK9 awards and perpetual trophies at the end of year celebrations.

Nominations / provisional nominations were unanimously accepted.

Dr James Thompson was declared elected.

The President called for the appointment of an **Auditor**. Wayne Fleming was proposed as the new auditor by Allison Harvey due to recommendations and experience with dog club auditing.

Wayne says: I charge the average size club \$110.00 and up to \$200 for large Training Clubs.

Having been involved in the dog world for a long time, I try and keep my charges to a minimum.

The floor agreed that this charge was very reasonable.

Wayne Fleming was approved as the club's new auditor.

Eve Park has agreed to serve as **Public Officer**

Moved: Julie Hunter Seconded: Karin Bridge

Approved unanimously

Barbara Gurney has agreed to serve as **Returning Officer**

Moved: Sherelle Casey Seconded: Tricia Nicola

Approved unanimously

A vote of thanks proposed for the outgoing committee and the incoming committee from Gael Goldsack. Floor indicated approval with enthusiasm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:49pm