



Puppy Tales

*Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club -
Promoting responsible dog ownership.*

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	1	2
3 Fathers' Day Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	4	5	6	7 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	8	9 BDOC Tracking Trial
10 BDOC Tracking Trial Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	11 BDOC Tracking Trial Committee Meeting 7pm	12	13	14 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	15	16
17 Demo Team 9am Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	18	19	20	21 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	22	23
24 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	25	26	27	28 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	29	30

All details correct at time of printing but please check in on our FaceBook page for changes.

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Notices

- We are so fortunate to have such a great band of willing and knowledgeable instructors who turn up every week to help train your dogs. We know that they have other commitments so sometimes are not available for a Sunday. Their replacement is just as dedicated and will be able to support you and your dog with your training. Please be prompt to, and attentive, in class so all members gain the most from their class each week. If there is something you are unsure of, just ask the instructor to explain. Each instructor is only too keen to help you.
- Ring Craft happens each week (instructor numbers permitting) for those handlers who are ready, or already, competing in obedience trials. It gives them one-on-one feedback about their handling and also gives their dog a chance to experience the ring environment. Come and watch and see where you could end up!
- As per club policy, it is against our regulations for bitches in season to attend training. Please be considerate of other dogs and their handlers, and do not bring your bitch to training sessions if she is in season.

Don't forget, you can access a copy of this edition, and past Puppy Tales, on the BDOC website.

Sunday Training Times

Tricks – 9.00

Obedience – 9.30 Puppies, Classes 1, 3, 4

10.30 Classes Puppy+ and Class 2

Agility – 9.30 Set up to start at **10.00** (Advanced Class)

11.15 Beginners with pack up at **12.15**

All participants are expected to either help with setting or packing up.

***Rally for Beginners – 11.00 onwards**

***Flyball – 9.30 onwards**

*Flyball is heavily impacted by the weather in the preceding days and through winter it is unfortunately often unsafe to train.

Rally is dependent on Instructor availability. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out if training is on for both disciplines.

President's Report



Our Presentation Night is done and dusted for another year and it was great to see a room full of people celebrating the titles of those who have been trialling over the past year. Members gained titles in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Flyball, Tracking, Tricks, Dances with Dogs and Lure Coursing. What is really exciting is the number of titles that have already been gained since 1st July meaning that our 2024 presentation night is going to be a busy one!

Other than the soup (which was a bit questionable), I have received lots of feedback from members who enjoyed the night and commented on how friendly everyone was which is lovely to hear.

This also carries through to the trialling group who are more than ready to support each other through their successes, celebrate improvements and commiserate when things haven't gone as planned. For example, at a recent flyball competition in Frankston, even though our team had lost the race, our whole team were cheering loudly as our new dog Ruby completed her first clean run. This enthusiasm was catchy and on Ruby's second run, even the opposition and the judge were cheering with us. That is sportsmanship.

I had great pleasure in presenting a Life Membership to Danielle Kirkham for her dedication to the club for over 20 years. Danielle has served on the committee numerous times including being president, was an obedience instructor before becoming the flyball coordinator, a position she held for 20 years. Congratulations Danielle on a well-deserved award. Congratulations must also go to Peter Mamo and Jay Lamont who both received a Service Award. Peter has been an agility instructor for many years and continues to instruct and encourage his class even though his dog has long since retired. Jay instructs in both obedience and puppy preschool, is a committee member and one of the friendly faces that greet our new members as a membership officer. This year the Committee decided to offer a new award called The Volunteer of the Year. This award was given to a member who has given outstanding service over the past year regardless of how long they have been a member of the club. This award went to Maria Debrincat for volunteering to clean our clubrooms each week, always helping to bring in and put away the puppy equipment, supporting Carol with puppy class and bringing food to help with the catering for a number of trials. Our club is what it is today due to the dedication of our volunteers who selflessly give their time to help others. Many thanks to every one of our volunteers.

Coming up on the 9th, 10th and 11th September our club will be running the John Hodges Memorial Tracking Trial at Haddon. John was a Life Member, former president and founding member of our tracking group. We are looking for a number of volunteers to help with catering and a variety of jobs over the weekend. No knowledge of tracking is required to help at the trial. If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours, make a slice or sandwiches or be a helper out at Haddon, then please contact our Secretary Lisa Staszek on ljs68@optusnet.com.au.

Our grounds continue to be a big issue at the moment and we have been lucky that we have had some fine weather that has enabled us to train after the cycle event. Thank you to all of those who contacted the Council and even the Mayor to express their anger and disbelief that the grounds were left in such a state. Rest assured that I am in contact with the council representative and have expressed the club's disappointment and anger at the situation. We are fighting hard to ensure that this cycling event does not impact our oval in the future. Liz Bandy, BDOC President.

Trial Results

And, following on from Liz's report of the success triallers have had since the 1st July, here are our latest. Bendigo Obedience Dog Club held their trial recently and Ballaarat shone!

Obedience

Karen with Savvy – Third and final pass and Companion Dog title
Libby with Spark – One pass in Companion Dog Excellent
David with Jai – two passes and Community Companion Dog title



Grace with Molly – Two passes in Companion Dog

Rally

Grace with Molly – Final pass and title
Yvonne with Ngaire – Pass in Masters
Sabine with Abby – Two passes in Novice



Tracking

Vicki with Nix – TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) Title
Lisa with Pseudy – Test 2 with a grade of 'good'.
Dee with Chance - Test 7 with a grade of 'good'.

Dancing with Dogs

Dee with Magic - Two passes in HTM(Heel to Music) Starters and title.



We wish our Flyball team every success and lots of clean runs over 24th-25th September in Canberra!

Sorry, no class pass-ups in this edition, but next month look out!!

Put this in your diary...

BDOC AGM
Monday 13th November



Our AGM is a few months away but please start to consider what you could contribute to our club. Do you have special skills, not necessarily dog- related? Would you like to give back to the club? There are Office Bearer positions (you will need to have been a member for at least 12 months) or how about becoming a Committee member? If you would like more information please speak to one of the Office Bearers/Committee members listed on the 2nd page of Puppy Tales.

It's Not Too Late to Help!

Due to receiving good entry numbers for our Tracking Trial on 9th to 11th September 2023 we are looking for people to help over the weekend and we will not be balloting. Set up day is Friday and judging Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Remember, you don't need to know anything about Tracking to help out. If you are able to come and help for a few days please contact Lisa Staszek, our secretary.



New Membership Sign Ups

Keep an eye on our FB page for the next sign up date. If you have friends keen to join please let them know!





Entries closing soon!



BALLARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

FIRST ANNUAL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Full details, category descriptions, rules and guidelines and the entry forms will be uploaded to the BDOC website.

*Do you love taking photos of your best friend?
Do you have photos of your dog stored on your phone that you think deserve to be seen?
Do you fancy yourself a closet photographer with undiscovered talent?*

Well now there is a competition just for you. The first annual BDOC Amateur Photography Competition.

This is a chance to get your favourite photos judged by a professional photographer and the winning entries will appear in the **Ballarat Dog Obedience Club 2024 Calendar** which will be sold to help raise funds for the club.

Photo Categories:

Overall (Judged to 5 places) - Includes all photos submitted across all categories, as well as any photos that do not meet other categories.

Action Dog (Judged to 3 places) - highlight the natural beauty, grace, power and awe of a canine in motion

Crazy funny dogs (Judged to 3 places) - there is only one guideline for this category - the photo should make us laugh.

Teamwork (Judged to 3 places) - those incredible moments of teamwork and focus when the dog and handler are in perfect sync

Sports and Disciplines (Judged to 2 places per category) Sub Categories: Obedience and Rally, Agility, Flyball, Tricks and Tracking

Photos will be judged not just on the quality of the image, but also in how it best captures the objective of each category.



ENTRIES CLOSE 25 SEPTEMBER 2023
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
END OF OCTOBER



Looking Ahead

Tricks Trial 28th October



Our last trial was super successful, it's always so good to see dogs and handlers doing some amazing things as a team. What's more, both parties look as though they are really enjoying themselves under trial conditions!

As always, trials take a lot of preparation and organizing, this all starts months beforehand.

If you can spare anywhere from a few hours to the day to support the club it would be much appreciated. You don't need to know anything about Tricks Trialling, just a keenness to help out.

Please see Grace and Molly(who featured on our trial results page) to find out more.



Have you ever fancied having a go at putting together and publishing a monthly newsletter?

Puppy Tales is looking for a new editor for 2024.

No experience necessary and minimal computer skills needed. If you'd like to know more please feel free to see me on a Sunday morning to find out more.

I'm usually around the trial ring with, or without, Topsy. Alternatively, you can email me (address on 2nd page of Puppy Tales).

Pat Withell



Dog Shop

Come in and say hello to Karen or, in her absence, another friendly club member and they will be able to advise you and help fit your dog with what they need!

PRICE LIST

Leads:	\$20.00
Martingale collars:	\$20.00
Treat bags:	\$20.00
Snuffle mat:	\$40.00
Tug toys:	\$10.00



We also have the bright yellow "GIVE ME SPACE" vests for \$20.



Thanks Gary Larson for reminding us of something we may be, or have been, guilty of!



How about a bit of mindfulness colouring?

