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## Newsletter



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### **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

There will be **NO** club training on  
***Sunday November 1***  
due to Melbourne Cup

**Our instructors need a well deserved weekend off!**

## **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

1. DO YOU HAVE ONE?

2. PLEASE MAY WE HAVE IT?

3. IS IT LEGIBLE?

If we can communicate with you electronically it will help us to 'go green' and also contain our costs.

Examples of when it may be used:-

- ✓ To let you know that the newsletter is available on our website
- ✓ To notify you of a change of training venue (we sometimes have to use the foreshore)
- ✓ To let you know of forthcoming events such as competitions; guest speakers, fun days and social events

If you have not previously disclosed your email address but would now like to help, please contact the club at:- [info@hastingsdogclub.org.au](mailto:info@hastingsdogclub.org.au). Members who have given an email address but have not heard from us by this method should do the same please, so that we can ensure that your email address has been recorded correctly.

**Please be assured that email addresses are ONLY used for club business and for no other purpose.**

# Next Club Competition

Have you joined Hastings & District Obedience Dog Club? When you see a Club Competition advertised, do you think you're qualified to enter? Absolutely! Even if you've only been for a few weeks, a club competition offers you a "one on one" lesson!!

All the judges are our trusty instructor group and as the classes progress on the day, each participant is asked to do the normal stuff – sit, drop, stand etc and if you're having trouble with a particular exercise, we'll give you a hand.

Venue: Our club grounds  
Date: Sunday **22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Time: 8:30am for White (CCD), Green (Novice) and above  
10:00am for Puppies, Beginners, Pink and Yellow

Is your dog almost ready to run an Agility or Jumping round and over 18 months old? Now's the time to have a go under competition conditions..

Doggies who have never trialled before 9:00am  
Doggies who have trialled before 10:00am

Entries on the day - \$4.00 including a sausage and a drink  
\$2.00 for every subsequent entry

Prizes: Sash and Trophy for First, Ribbons to Third

## CLUB COMP WINNERS

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

### OBEDIENCE



**LILITH**  
**PUPPIES**  
GARRY COOK



**BUTCH**  
**ADVANCED PUPPIES**  
MERLINE GALPIN



**ALLY**  
**BEGINNER PUPPIES**  
SAM DUNKLEY



**LUCY**  
**BEGINNER ADULT**  
JACQUELINE BROWN



**BALOO**  
**PINK**  
AMBER COOK



**MOLLY**  
**YELLOW**  
CATHERINE TAYLOR



**ROBBIE**  
**CCD**  
JENNY WILLIAMS



**ZIGGY**  
**NOVICE**  
SALLY HAYNES

## AGILITY AND JUMPING



**MOLLY**  
**JUMPING**  
CATHERINE TAYLOR



**ZIGGY**  
**JUMPING (non trialled)**  
SALLY HAYNES



## DOGS SPORTS

At Hastings & District Obedience Dog Club we are very privileged to have access to members who have a vast knowledge and experience in a multitude of different dog sports. Whilst the majority of us are familiar with obedience, how much do you know about agility, flyball, dog showing (conformation), herding, canine freestyle (dancing), tracking and endurance? In the coming editions I'm going to provide members with a general overview of each activity and provide details where you can source more information. They are all exciting and enjoyable sports that we can accomplish with our dogs. While some dogs are more suited to a particular activity, they are accessible to all members to get involved with if you choose.

## Pets Day Out Flyball

September 11<sup>th</sup> was the annual 'Pets Day Out' at Frankston and again Hastings hosted a fantastic competition!

The sun shone, the dogs ran beautifully and we really couldn't have asked for much more, especially with **Backmans Greyhound Supplies** as our sponsor.

We had 3 teams competing with all running extremely well. Our first team *Hastings Howlers Hit & Run* managed a first place in Division 3, our second team, *Hit & Hope* also came first in Division 6 while our third team *Hit & Miss* placed second in Division 3.

In Hastings competition standards it was a record for team entries over all with a massive 24 teams competing on the day. Racing started at 8:00am and ran through til 5:15pm with the only break being a 30minute lunch break. Needless to say we were all exhausted and our beloved pooches slept well that night!

Congratulations to Judy Van Berlo and Lucy. After a rocky start, they achieved their Flyball Dog Title (FD) in their very first competition!

Well Done Judy & Lucy!

# CANINE FREESTYLE

Now classified as a competition sport in Australia, Canine Freestyle is very entertaining to watch but it is easy to underestimate what is required to succeed at the highest level. To quote Carolyn Money, who hosts competitions overseas: "I've done most of the performance sports and this is the hardest one. Not only do you have to teach your dog a number of tricks but you also have to work out the choreography and combine the two to look polished, which isn't easy." Routines incorporate heelwork (both sides of the handler), spinning, jumping and weaving plus lots of extra moves all undertaken in time to music.



But let's not get ahead of ourselves here because it's not necessary to aim for the top – it's OK just to enjoy the journey. Basic obedience, as taught at Hastings, is required and the dogs need to be well socialised because they work in close proximity to each other when training. It helps if the handler has a sense of rhythm plus a sense of humour because there's usually a lot of laughter involved.

Jess is a 3 year old Kelpie/Border Collie cross. She is very fast both mentally and physically and has learned a lot, but selectively. She is able to go profoundly deaf when it comes to the recall. Canine freestyle suits her very well because training takes place indoors so she can go off lead in safety. It is fast paced so Jess doesn't know what command will come next. Cues can be verbal or by body language so Jess has to remain attentive. As a result her focus on her handler, Barb Andruch (an instructor at Hastings) has improved enormously. Jess likes learning new tricks so Barb strings them together, creates a routine, sets it to music, and away they go – doggy dancing!

Barb likes the fact that the sport is open to any type of dog and every type of person. Six members<sup>1</sup> of the club boogie with their dogs and they are all different. (The dogs that is. The handlers are consistently lovely.)

Sue Cordwell, who runs Melbourne Canine Freestyle and is a judge of the sport, uses the term "Obedience with Attitude" because canine freestyle combines dog obedience with dance in a unique and exciting way. Handlers are encouraged to develop flair and individuality and can use costume to enhance a theme. Sue says that the nice thing about doing freestyle (and heelwork to music) is that even when competing, handlers can talk to and encourage their dogs throughout. The bond between handler and dog grows and, most importantly, both have fun.

People descend on the Dandenong training centre from as far afield as Williamstown, Epping, Healesville, Phillip Island and Leongatha in order to participate. So be warned. It's addictive. If you are interested have a look at [www.melbournecaninefreestyle.com.au](http://www.melbournecaninefreestyle.com.au) which provides more information plus video links so dancing dogs can be viewed in action.

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# Open Agility Jumping & Games Trial, 29 Aug 2009, REVIEW

**This year's trial was a great success by most counts, but certainly pushed our limited resources to the edge. Also, significant rain all morning damped the enthusiasm, testing every ones stamina. 628 entries, 138 dogs, 103 handlers- WOW that's big if you know about agility trials in Victoria. Full results can be found on the clubs website.**

**Support:** I would specifically like to thank all the fellow club members who helped in any manner of ways leading up to the trial, and on the day itself. Finding eager volunteers this year from both within, and outside, of HDODC was especially difficult. Whilst all or regular trailers stepped up to the plate as usual in helping, and competing, it's the "non-agility trailers" that made the significant difference- Thank you all.

**Sponsorship:** Supercoat came through with prizes again, but in a limited way. Their resources were mostly diverted early in the year to Bush Fire Aid, understandably, but they kept their promise and sponsored this trial for I think the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. We attained some make up prizes of Supercoat product at heavily discounted cost from Mornington Pet stock. Our sincere thanks to Supercoat and Mornington Pet stock.

**Financial:** The trial was a financial success, netting the club well over \$1,000 in profit.

## **The Bad:**

1. We struggled for adequate numbers of helpers on the day, and it was a particularly large trial. I'll work better on the help aspect next year, and reconsider dropping it to 4 Rings from 5. Bigger is not necessarily better for our small club
2. The Rain! Whilst it really lowered our spirits the show still went on. So whilst I have considered the rain a bad aspect, truth is if any other club had copped this rain they would have cancelled their trial. Our well drained Soccer oval stood up to the rain as expected. However, competitor's cars did damage some of the oval's surrounds, and some careless people damaged the athletics long jump runs- to this end we have had to promise the school we will never park vehicles around the oval in future- this will reduce the appeal of our trial.

## **The Good:**

1. We hired 3 sets of electronic timing equipment, this has been a more accepted practice in trials this season and makes stewarding easier, and competitors happier.
2. Various people, both officials and competitors made deliberate comment about how well the trial went, especially in the rain, acknowledging Hastings as the premier wet weather location.
3. We introduced 2 new HDODC dogs to official competition, Catherine and Koby, and, Sally and Ziggy.

**Next Year:** I will look to running only 4 rings, keeping the required tasks at a level we can better cope with. I am also looking for any member to be an apprentice Agility Trial Secretary- time for me to pass this baton on I feel, not because I don't like doing this role, but I really think this is a great way for someone to get deeply involved in the sport and I need to share this opportunity.

Greg Milner  
AGILITY TRIAL SECRETARY



# END OF YEAR DINNER 2009

**WHERE:** WESTERNPORT HOTEL HASTINGS

**DATE:** 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

**TIME:** 7PM TILL LATE

**PRICE:** \$25 PER PERSON and \$15 PER CHILD

MEALS:

## Entrée

❖ Potato & Leek soup, Served with crusty bread

## Main 50/50 selection

❖ Chicken Minon

❖ Chicken breast filled oven roasted filled with tasty cheese wrapped in crispy bacon served on crushed chat potatoes ,green beans with mushroom sauce

❖ Or

❖ Veal medallions

❖ Tender veal pieces served with roast kipfler potatoes and broccoli finished with red wine jus

## Desert 50 /50

❖ Sticky date and pear cake plated

❖ Served with butterscotch sauce and double cream

❖ Or

❖ Raspberry and white chocolate cheesecake plated

❖ Served with mixed berry coulis and double cream

❖ Kids to select from the kids menu

❖ **PRESENTATION \* TRIVIA \***

❖ **DOOR PRIZES \* AWARDS \***

**CONTACT: ROSALINE- 0417597175 OR**

**KAREN HOYE- 59791610**

**# HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE #**

# REMINDER FOR THE USE OF SPACE COATS

These coats were designed for dogs with special needs. Please respect those using them by not approaching dogs wearing them without the consent of the handler.

They are not designed so that dogs wearing them can approach the club house or groups and expect the "oceans to part" for them to make a clear way for you to traverse.

They are designed for handlers to work their dog away from general classes, in their own space, to enable them to work on the problems they may be having, without interference/annoyance of other dogs.

If you feel your dog can benefit from one of these coats, please speak with your instructor and they'll be able to assist you with obtaining one. Sizes available for all types of dogs.

All dogs should be on lead unless otherwise under the supervision of a club instructor or if they are working in the obedience/agility/fly-ball rings.



## \*\*\*\***HAVE YOU MOVED**\*\*\*\*

If your address has changed, please send your new details to:-  
HASTINGS & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.  
PO BOX 444, HASTINGS, VIC 3915

Name(s) exactly as on membership badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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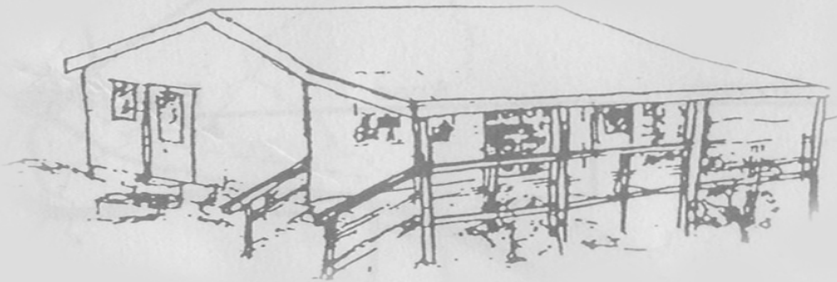
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<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/hastingsdogclub/>

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