# THE GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER NO.17

Once again our Newsletter can say we held yet again, another successful Trial.

Our entries reached 245 and the all important weather person arranged a good
day for it if you were lucky enough to be standing in the sunlight.

A successful Trial is not just determined by the number of successful competitors, but rather by the success of the Trial as a whole, i.e. the way in which it is conducted. The smooth precision with which it is run is made this way by a dedicated teamof people called your COMMITTEE, who combine their talents as a team, without which no Club can attain successes like this. Special thanks must go to each member of the Committee in the administration of their roles. At trial times working bees are held to prepare the grounds, rooms and kitchen and to the folk who came along prior to, and on the day of the trial, thanks are extended to you. The catering was well run fulfilling everyone's needs (believe me our Club far excels the local Kennel Club in catering arrangements every time) and the ever popular cake stall was well stocked. I saw some ladies carry in boxes and obviously some had spent a lot of time cooking in preparation for the day, many thanks to all those who helped stock the table with those goodies. Thanks too to the people who made casserolesto feed the Judges and Stewards.

Now as mentioned the Committee are a dedicated team of workers and that's what being on a Committee means, you all pull TOGETHER. Those who want to now separately can place the overall aims of the Club in jeopardy. So to be on the Committee you must have the time to come to meetings, time to be responsible for various delegated work areas, and be prepared to work for the overall good of the Club. Why am I saying all this again? Well elections are coming up shortly and nominations for the Committee have to be made in Writing(see Secretary's report further on).

If you feel you would like to nominate someone for the Committee it is first necessary for you to ask that person whether they wish to stand. As the nominations will all be in written form, members are requested to fill in one or more (if you wish to nominate more than one person) of the ballot papers.

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#### HELP TO TRAIN A GUIDEDOG

Training a Guide Dog for the Blind is a long, exacting, and expensive business. You can help without effort or expense.

Simply save panels from specially manked packs of Kleenex Tissues on Bathroom Tissues. Either forward to Kleenex, Australia, on Leave in box on the Librarian's desk, and they will be forwarded regularly. For every panel received, Kleenex Australia will donate \$1.00 to the tanget of \$50,000 for the training of guide dogs.

Phyl Bergin

ALL CLUB FEES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY THIS DATE \$26.7.87).

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THESE FEES ALREADY YOU COULD FIND YOURSELF HAVING TO PAY A REJOINING FEE.

## Page 2/ SECRETARY'S REPORT

Soon the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in October i.e. 6th October will be upon us. At that time all positions on the Committee become wacant and a new Committee will be elected for the next twelve-months. The state of the Section of the second

To be eligible to serve on the Committee, one must have been a member of the Club for not less than three months of the financ-son ial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a second financial member, at least 18 years of age and a member of the size of \_ \_ member of the ... Kennri Control Council.

A voting list of eligible members will be on display in the second half of August. Ballot papers also will be available in August and nominations must be in by the 15th September. Both nominee, nominator and seconder must sign the ballot paper and the K.C.C. membership number of the nominee must be quoted.

and the second of the second o ALSO a reminder of our fundraising program of "Buy a Brick" for \$5.00. It is going rather slowly and we need more money to complete the storeroom and toilet. If you have \$5.00 to spare, come and see me in the Secretary's Office and I will be happy to 

## ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

There will be a GOLF DAY on August 9 at the Clifton Springs Golf Club commencing at 2.00p.m. 

A change of \$8.00 will be made and this covers the green fees. If you would like to join in the fun, contact either Thelma Barwick 150 30131gr Lisa McPhee178 30361.

and -

There will also be a bus trip to various warehouses in Melbourne on Saturday, 12th September, commencing at 8.30a.m.

The warehouses involved cover a variety of merchandise such as Ladies Clothing, Manchesten, Shoes, Jeans, Cosmetics, Chocolates, Towels, ctc....

Think about your summer needs and Christmas gifts:

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 45 PERSONS PER BUS, SO ENSURE YOUR SEAT BY CONTACTING EITHER THELMA BARWICK OR LISA MC PHEE.

Price of \$12.00 TACLUDES Lunch Burnian Committee Committe

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A LEADER IS SOMEONE WHO SEES A LOT OF PEOPLE GOING IN ONE DIRECTION AND THEN JUMPS IN FRONT OF THEM.

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There are a small percentage of club members who show their dogs as well as train them in obedience work. By gaining both a recognized show championship title prefixing a dog's name and then having it followed with an Obedience title lets those people who use their dogs for breeding ensure puppy buyers that the parent stock has proved themsleves to be sound in both their conformation and working categories.

We have one Club member who is a recognized and well respected breeder who likes all her dogs to obtain dual titles. The lady in guestion is HELEN READ. On the showing side recently Helen had not only the bestmale Rottweiler at one of the Championship Shows, but also the best bitch, and that is no mean feat, especially with the number of Rottweilers currently being shown. Congratulations Helen.

To the new mebers who DON'T know Helen, just watch for the lady who flitsin and out of various classes each training session; sometimes handling four different dogs for the morning.

Helen has competed in Interstate Agility Trials and has her own equipment at home and of course guided our Club in the initial setting up and manufacture of its equipment. Shortly both the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club are spending a day at Helen's learning how to use Agility equipment which will ultimately lead to more people being available to compete in our future Agility trials we run.

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Apart from that Helen is the first person in Victoria/Australia to hold Dual Show and Obedience Titles and they were well earned. To obtain these qualifications on the show side, a dog/bitch has to obtain a set number of points to qualify as an Australian Champion, and then to obtain the Australian Obedience Champion title a dog has to earn each of the following titles

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T.D.X.	Tracking Dog Excellent 4. 7.80

and so earn the title AUSTRALIAN OBEDIENCE CHAMPION on 18.7.82.

There is a photograph of that very special dog of Helen's on our Club room wall near the library area.

There are currently four peopleundertaking the full Police Dog Handlers training course and Helen is fortunate to be one of those participants.

So members it is not just the official trainers who can help your with problems that occur in teaching your deg a specific exercise; there are specialists in the Club with a wealth of knowledge and experience behind them, only too willing to offer help should you so desire.

Remember the learning experience never ends - we can learn so much from and about our dogs as each day goes by and they too learn more about hates, dislikes and idiosyncrasies.

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#### REPORT ON "RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

As was previously publicized our Club held a Public Awareness Meeting on "Responsible Dog Ownership" on Wednesday 17th June.

It gives me great pleasure to report that we received an over-whelming response to the meeting, with approximately 200 people attending - 40 or so Club members and invited guests, with the remaining people made up of the general public. Our clubrooms were filled to capacity.

All six speakers admirably covered the various aspects relating to responsible dog ownership and each did an excellent job in covering their particular subject.

We feel sure that everyone present learned something useful and we have received very positive feed-back from people who attended. With the success of the project we hope to make it an annual feature

I would personally like to thank all those people who assisted me in this project and who worked very hard to make it a success

to Graham Douglas, Phyl.Bergin and Stuart Innes, who assisted on the Sub-Committee in the organizing of the program;

to Graham and Stuart for the great job done in speaking on their subjects - "Selecting the correct dog to suit individual circumstances" and "The benefits of an Obedience Trained Dog" respectively;

to Nancy Ball for organising the canteen and coping with the 200 odd cups of coffee, also her helpers on the night;

to everyone who brought along a plate for supper - it was all the delicious and much appreciated by our guests;

to those who set up the hall on the Tuesday night'

to Barry Elliott for arranging the pick up and return of the films and for copying the publicity pamphletts;

to everyone who attended;

and lastly but by no means least, a very big thank you to Stuart Innes who organised the publicity, including the great feature article published in "Lifestyle" in the Geelong Advertiser. Thanks Stuart for all the running around you did. Without the publicity the meeting would not have been the success it was.

We have already reported on the success of the program and passed on our thanks to the Councils and the K.C.C. for their interest and support.

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped make this very worth- while Community Service a success.

Lesley Gaylard - Vice President

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Len Richards

Kelly Jodie

(German Shepherd)

ASSOC.NOVICE 3rd PASS C.D.

P.S. It was Len's 65th birthday that day so Kelly gave him the best present he could have - recognized companionship. The could be a seen of the

(If anyone else was placed at this Trial and you have been missed out please let me know and I will endeavour to rectify the problem in the next issue - Elaine)

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John Vendenberg

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(Rott weiler)

ENCOURAGEMENT

2nd Place

Joe Pleuko

Tiege Masy (Obe)

Mattwacpabu

ENCOURAGEMENT

3rd Place

Garry Matthews

Brackenlea Bea Vulca (Rambo)

(Collic Rough)

NOVICE

3rd Place 2ND PASS

Gave Buchter

Cherbeau Ellyna(Schondi)

(German Shepherd)

NOVICE 2ND PASS

and -

HIGHEST SCORING COUNTRY MEMBER and HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED GEELONG MEMBER.

Len Richards Kelly Jodie

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(German Shepherd)

and -

HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE GEELONG MEMBER

Susie Ryan

MGerman Shepherd Cross)

ASSOC.NOVICE 2nd PASS

WARRINGAL TRACKING TRIAL

Maria Elliott and Shepholme Storm Song C.D.X. (Kelly)

PRELIMINARY

(German Shepherd)

tracking qual.

This event was actually held at Broadford.

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and the party of NOVICE to a 1st Place

1st PASS

THIS WAS THEIR FIRST NOVICE TRIAL ENTERED

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HIGHEST SCORING ROTTWEILER and - HIGHEST QUALIFYING NOVICE GEELONG MEMBER PERPETUAL TROPHY ('Donated by R. Nation)

Well done!

Garry Matthews

Brackenlea Beau Vulca(Rambo)

NOVICE

2nd Place

3RD PASS C.D.

Linda Reimer

Dingerra Bold Casper(Gus)

(Collic Rough)

NOVICE

Len Richards

Kelly Jodie

(Rottweiler)

RESTRIC. ASSOC. NOV.

(German Shepherd)

3rd Place

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Brian Kerr

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(German Shepherd)

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Graham Douglas Pandowdy Justus C.D.X.(Shilo)

(German Shephend)

2nd Place 32 .24. 2ND PASS

(Phcw, that was really hard work, well done Grahan!)

Elaine Kennedy Matilda Mae ASSOC.NOVICE 2nd Place 3RD PASS G.D.

and -

HIGHEST SCORING QUALIFYING ASSOCIATE NOVICE GEELONG MEMBER Perpetual Trophy (donated by Breakwater Hotel).

Elaine Janes

Jessica Sue G.D.X.

(Labrador)

ASSOC.U.D. Harfitt 201

The HIGHEST SCORING GEELONG ENCCURAGEMENT Perpetual Trophy Idonated by Charlic Bartolo) went to -

Miss B.Barrett Kallala Tyrone
(German Shephend)

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Maria Elliott Shepholme Storm Song C.D.X.(Kelly)

1ST TRACKING PASS
Graded EXCELLENT

To all the To all those success stories, congratulations from us all; and especially to those who obtained Titles. 

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June 3rd found the HALSON household making a big decision to admit a LONG COAT to their SHORTIE household. Most people would have gone for another shortie, but this couple really went into the matter and admitted the former into the world. Congratulations to Sue and Colin on the birth of their daughter Sarah Halson. (For those who are still poking sawdust holes in their heads trying to understand this - Sarah was born with a full head of long hair.)

Seems there were a few foggy stories on the night of the Responsible Dog Ownership Public Awareness meeting. Not sure where they went to make them late - maybe one walked in front with a reflector while the other followed in the vehicle. Tsk, tsk - Committee members too!

Another foggy story - not sure whether it was the weather or the brain, BUT did you hear about the dogs who came to training one morning all geared up to go, but didn't get let out of the trailer they came in. Seems the owner left the trailer door key at home!

Then there was the dog who saw his owner and other handlers leave the ring and head off into the tent, and thought "if they think they can all go off for a lunchbreak without inviting me they're mad " yes - his owner was!

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. WHEN? A DAY TOO LATE.

Good on you Lisa and David, nothing like getting your puppy all geared up for his first Open Show and take him on a long car trip which unsettles his stomach only to find that the Show was yesterday!! \*\*\*\*\*\*

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It is essential that members receiving instruction learn the names of their respective Instructors and that you extend them the courtesy of notifying them if you are unable to attend for any reason. If your dog is ill you can still come along and listen to and watch what is happening in your class.

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Phyl.Bengin 78 2148
Johnny Bocyen 78 2148
Bruce Cairns 43 4707 Cath DaviesDESMA OLUMBER 21 6819 Marce Elliott 43 5340 Brian Gardner 17 - 1554 3 Carol Gillham 9 4119 75 2993 50 2104 Maureen Friars Maureen Frians Colin Humphreys Stuart Innes 75 7778 Stuar Corn // 013/ Brian Korn // 013/ 78 3036 The Branch of the San Royal State 77 0135 Brian Moore DER WILTING -Marj. Wright 75 2575 43 5791

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Sheppanton & Districts O.D.C. 15.7.87 19.7.87 Munnay Velley O.D.C. 29.7.87 Moorabbin & District O.D.C. 2.8.87 9.8.87 Bendigo O.D.C. KAK Northern O.D.C. Inc. 16.8.87 

#### CLUB CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING @ 8.00p.m. 4.8.87 (Please bring a plate for supper.) 99.8.87 GOLF DAY H Entries CLOSE for our Agility 30.8.87 Trial 12.9.87 WAREHOUSE TRIP 13.9,87 AGILITY TRIAL 15.9.87 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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It is with regret that the Club is losing two of its most helpful and dedicated members.

Congratulations Jim on getting a promotion and transfer to Varrnambool.

Jim has been a man of many talents, training several dogs to C.D. and Nancyc has helped in their early training in the puppy classes. Jim has served the Committee well, currently holding the positions of Trial Secretary and Bar Manager. He has been the printer/runner off of our Newsletters and I for one will miss this assistance. Jim is also one of the Club's life members, so I am sure we will have many visits from the Ball family in the future. Probably Jim will come down to compete in our trials and take off some of the trophics he has been instrumental in purchasing.

Nancyc has been a Committee member of some years standing and has virtually run the canteen single handed for most of this term of office due to the Canteen Manager's illness and work committments and done the job admirably.

Your helping hands and hot cuppas will be missed by all of us Nancyc.

All Committee and members wish Jim, Nancye and Cathic Ball all the best for their new adventure.

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#### WASTE MATTER

OUR CLUB GROUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR <u>ALL</u> MEMBERS TO USE TO TRAIN THEIR DOGS ON DURING THE WEEK WITH THE ONE STIPULATION - CLEAN UP YOUR DOG'S MESS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, SO BRING YOUR OWN POOPA SCOOPER AND DISPOSE OF THE REFUSE WISELY. IT IS NOT UP TO THE GROUND MANAGER OR ANYONE ELSE TO BE YOUR SLAVE!!!

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### LIBRARY NEWS

What motivates members to denate to our club library? Sometimes, the high cost of books (often \$40-\$50), which inspires breed fanciers to club together and purchase a specialist book, the care and borrowing of which will be controlled by the Librarian.

In the case of Jan and John Boeyen it was some centroversy over the spelling of "ineculation". Thanks to John and Jan for the donation of an English Dictionary, AND ALSO A MOST INFORMATIVE READERS' DIGEST PUBLICATION, You and Your Dog - a complete guide. THANKS ALSO TO DESMA DICKASON FOR Dogs of the World.

Recent purchases for the library include -

\*Morris, D. - GOG WATCHING (origins of dog's instinctive behavior and its manifestation in modern society).

Hart, E. - YOUR GERMAN SHEPHERD ( )

Portman-Grahame. - THE MATING AND WHELPING OF DOGS

RUBIN, S. - SELECTING AND CARING FOR YOUR DOG.

P.Bergin - Librarian

\*In the "NEW IDEA" issue july 25 there is an extract from DOG WATCHING by D.Morris, so perhaps you can wet your appetite on that before borrowing the complete book.

A mutt who has come from ragsto riches.

If you have an unregistered dog who came with a history of gross mistreatment either physical or mental from earlier placements in his/her life OR if you have a dog who has suffered severe illness or disability AND who has battled on to become a successful obedience dog and companion to you, maybe Dame Fortune has even greater rewards in store for you.

Anyone who thinks they know of a WUFFIE to suit the role, please contact STUART INNES.

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MEMBERS are reminded that Rule Books for the Conduct of Obedience Trials and Tracking Tests are available from the Secretary/ Treasurer for a nominal price. Even if you are not planning on competing the books are a handy asset and helps you to understand what is happening at a Trial.

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All views expressed in this Newsletter may not necessarily be that of the Club and Committee.

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## HOW TO WRECK YOUR CLUB IN 10 EASY LESSONS

1. Do not come to meetings.

2. If you do, come late.

3. If theweather does not suit you, do not think of coming.

4. Never accept office. It is easier to criticise than do things.

5. If asked by the Club to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.

6. Do nothing more than is absolutelynecessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help

matters along, howl that the Club is being run by a Clique.

7. When participating in club discussions always put an alternative view, whether it is right or relevant in an attempt to hamper club progress.

8. Play club politics behind the Committees back with the aim of creating unrest and division within the club. Feel free to degrade hard working members and to create whatever lies will serve your purpose.

9. Hold back your subs as long as possible or do not pay at all.

10. Dream up and implement other neans of wrecking your Club.

Unfortunately, this Club is no longer in existence!

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