

# Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club



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### Newsletter help

Please send me more stuff for the newsletter. Honestly anything is appreciated.

### Committee Stuff

#### Ways of increasing instructors and membership

Our instructors are all volunteers and offer their time and knowledge term after term. In order to keep the classes as small as possible we need more instructors. The more instructors we have means that instructors that have been taken class after class can have a

break before they burn out completely which often happens. This however should not mean a compromise in quality.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor please ring either Mandy Starling on 564 9003 or Lianne Hodges on 232 8057.

Remember you do not have to be competing or even coming along that long to start thinking that you would like to learn how to take a class. We offer full instruction and you would be expected to understudy with a current experienced instructor before we would let you loose on your own class. There are also things like puppy class or the Canine Good Citizen Award classes to consider. These are obviously aimed at domestic dog obedience. It is a lot of fun and you get all sorts of bonus like free class fees and end of year dinner etc.

#### Life Members Board

We are and will make progress on this before the end of the financial year.

#### Canine Good Citizen Award

Well we have now commenced our first term. This will now be removed from the committee list, but keep your eye out generally in the newsletter to see how this is going.

#### Club maintenance

We have compiled a list of things that need to be done around the club. If you feel anything else needs to be looked at please put a note on the blackboard inside the club – NOW.

At our next committee meeting we will be setting up a time for our next working bee. If you feel you have something you might be able to offer at the working bee. Good strong muscles or high degree of skill with a pair of hedge clippers are always helpful. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for the date and time. This is a really good opportunity to get to know some of the people that work behind the scenes of the club. We always provide lunch and it's a lot of fun. I suspect the front hedge will need to be trimmed. Royce will you be in for this again?

## **Classes and Graduation**

Well there is not much left of our doggie year now.

21st November (Sunday): End of year party  
30th November: Last class night of Term 4  
7th December: Graduation  
11 December: Committee/Instructors Dinner

## **Senior Training**

This term we will be running senior training. This is for people that are currently competing at Test A or higher at Championship Tests (Test A, B or C). Unfortunately we haven't been able to get an instructor to take classes every week but we have managed to organise training every week. The class will commence at 7.30 on the following dates.

16 November – Barry Monaghan  
30 November - TBC

## Christmas Party – End of year Party

All members and people attending classes at Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club are invited (along with their dogs and/or family) to attend a fun day and BBQ. We will be organising games (with prizes) for you and your dogs.

**Date: Sunday 21 November - Venue: Club Grounds - Ngatittoa Domain**

Start time: 11 am

This is a brief timetable:

1100 – Games

1230 – BBQ lunch – **please bring a salad or dessert** – Puppy Photo competition winners. Club awards.

1300 – Parade – Fancy Dress Dog – Christmas Theme & Best Trick Competition. Get practicing those tricks now. If your dog can't do any. Talk to your instructor. You have more than enough time to get one organised.

These are approximate times.

I will keep you updated and reminded in future newsletters. Please keep this date free.

We are also organising a Committee/Instructors dinner – without dogs. This is to be held on 17 December at Mungavin Blues. 7.15. – It is not to late if you want to come please call Lianne at home on 232 8057 or work 913 4232. The cost is \$39.00 but as instructors or committee members the club with subsidies half of this. So all you will need to pay is \$20. Partners are welcome but they must pay the full amount.

## Our October Champ Show

A big thank you to Pet Essentials who donated this lovely raffle for us.

Pet Essentials is situated in the Mega Centre – Porirua. Pet Essentials stock a large range of pet supplies. It would be great if you could support Pet Essentials for all you pet needs.

Also a big thank you to everyone who helped out at the show. These shows are a lot of work and often left up to a few to organise and then make sure everything runs smoothly on the day, allowing others to enjoy the day. It's hard work. For those of you who did help, especially those who offered without having to be asked. THANK YOU.

And for those of you who worked especially hard on the day also deserve our thanks. I thought I'd make a special mention of Lianne Hodges because so many people both from our club and also competitors there on the day commented on what a great job she did. Lianne stayed up in the kitchen, serving (with a smile), all day. There were positive comments made from heaps of people about our baked potatoes. I think we'll be doing them again. On that note it was a shame that very few people were available at the end of the day to help the same people, who had arrived early to set up, to clean up.

## 2004 NDTA

Well the weary travellers have returned. Here is a brief description of my trip.

22 October – FRIDAY - 9.30 depart Wellington. Bounce and Visa safely set up in the car both on their first trip across the Cook Strait.

Once arriving in Picton at about 12.45 we were off to Timaru. At about 6.30 that night I telephoned Angelique who had left several days before for directions to the venue. I arrived about 7 pm. I hadn't had time to stop for dinner so was grateful for the great nibbles that we were provided. It was great to see so many friendly faces so far from our own Zone. I was really tired after my trip so headed off to my motor camp as soon as possible.

Visa and Bounce had travelled well. Visa had stopped being sick about Christchurch.

23 October – SATURDAY - The first day of competition was uneventful, although I myself forgot to run in one of the agility courses I'd entered. Forgotten I'd entered but I thought at the time at least this NDTA I'd actually remembered to enter.

Buffet Dinner – Well I don't think there will be many complaints this year about the food. There was more than enough and it was great.

24 October – The day we had come for. The teams event. After walking the dogs in the excellent dog exercise area at the motor camp I was staying at I arrived bright and early at the venue. Without going into great detail regarding our exact placings in each event in short we had a few mishaps on the obedience side and ended up 5<sup>th</sup> overall but went well in agility ending up 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!!!!

Shipwreck party – Well I think I'd be putting in mildly if I said we made the floor rock. It was more like the doors and tables as well. Great party, great food etc etc.

25 October – SUNDAY. Another day of competition! Well done to Robin with her 2<sup>nd</sup> place in A and Angelique with her 8<sup>th</sup> place in C! Bounce and I had a few more mistakes here and there and a few more disqualifications (which I'm told are eliminations down South) in Agility. I also have to mention the obvious waving of the proposed new Zone 3 banner in the Novice placings. I don't know whether it will catch on or not. I didn't manage to get a good look at it but it appeared to be blue and white and supported a catchy little slogan of "Little Miss Naughty". The day ended with an informal wine and cheese. Most of us headed back to our motels ready for the trip home or wherever we were off to the next day. Me – Holiday in Nelson. By this time Visa was completely cured of any thought of car sickness. She had really enjoyed her time at the NDTA. After all being a cute fluffy puppy, at a dog show with hundreds of dog lovers, for three days, must have been torture on the poor thing.

For those of you that have never been to an NDTA – start looking forward to next Labour Weekend and TAUPO!!!!!! Get together in a group. Those who are in the junior and senior competition classes should be making plans now. Besides the competition they are a lot of fun. If you have any ideas about fund raising pass them on to the committee.

## Competition

This is up and running. Don't forget to enter. The winners will be announced at the Christmas party on 21 November.

Have you got any puppy photos of your dog? We are running a puppy photo contest – Cutest puppy, funniest puppy, silliest puppy, soulful puppy etc.

Simply stick a photo of your puppy on the board inside the clubrooms marked "Puppy Photo Contest". Please make sure you put your name and contact details and the puppies name on the back of the photo so we know who to give the prizes to.

Please note: Your dog does not still need to be a puppy. All photos will be returned.

# Christmas Training

There will be Summer Classes available this year. Training nights are set out below. As you can see we still need instructors. There is a two week period over Christmas when we will not be holding classes.

Date	Instructors
14 December	Lianne Hodges/Jenny Rutherford
21 December	Wayne Clarken/Cheryl Dickson
11 January	TBC/TBC
18 January	Our Ribbon Trial – No summer classes
25 January	Enrolment for Term 1 2005 – No summer classes

The cost is \$5 per session. Please bring on the night of training. Training commences at 6.30. All grades are welcome (except puppy class). Two instructors will be available on each training night and the class will be split appropriately. You need to contact Lianne Hodges on 232 8057 or Janine Holmes on 236 6052 if you are interested in attending Summer Classes as we need an estimate of people interested in attending.



Chilli's little puppies – aren't they cute. They will be hard to beat in the puppy photo contest.

## How To Clean Your Toilet - The Fun Way

Instructions on how to clean your toilet

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. The cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "power-wash" and rinse".
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the commode and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Sincerely,  
The Dog