

TBCOC NEWS!

AUGUST

WELCOME!

With winter also comes a new financial year so there is lots of news to report from the 2005/2006 year. We have a new committee, new fees and new class structures. So keep up to date with what's what

AGM Report...

AGM 13th June 2006.

The TBCOC's Annual General Meeting was held at the clubrooms with a great turn out from many of our members.

The President reported another successful year for the club and thanked the committee and the club's supporters for all their hard work.

Life Membership's were awarded to Robin Fraser and Royce Hughes and the Milne Trophy (Top Points in Competition) was awarded to Wendy Macilree.

And the winners are...

The new committee for 2006/2007 is:

President: Geoff Collins
Vice President: Jenny Rutherford
Secretary: Cheryl Dickson
Treasurer: Wendy Macilree

Committee Members:

Zoë Canvin
Collin Diggins
Jenny Greer
Lianne Hodges
Janine Holmes
Phillipa Little
Sherrie Macintyre
Paul Magson
Bronwyn Weir

Fee Info...

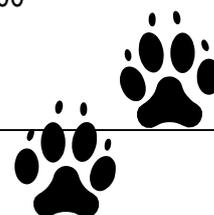
With the introduction of indoor winter classes we have increased the class fee's to cover the Kennel Club venue hire.

More info regarding the classes can be found under the "Class Info" section of the newsletter.

Summer Fees	Winter Fees
Puppies \$40.00	Puppies \$45.00
Non Member \$55	Non Member \$65
Member \$40.00	Member \$50.00

Individual Membership \$30.00

Family Membership \$45.00



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Winter Classes...

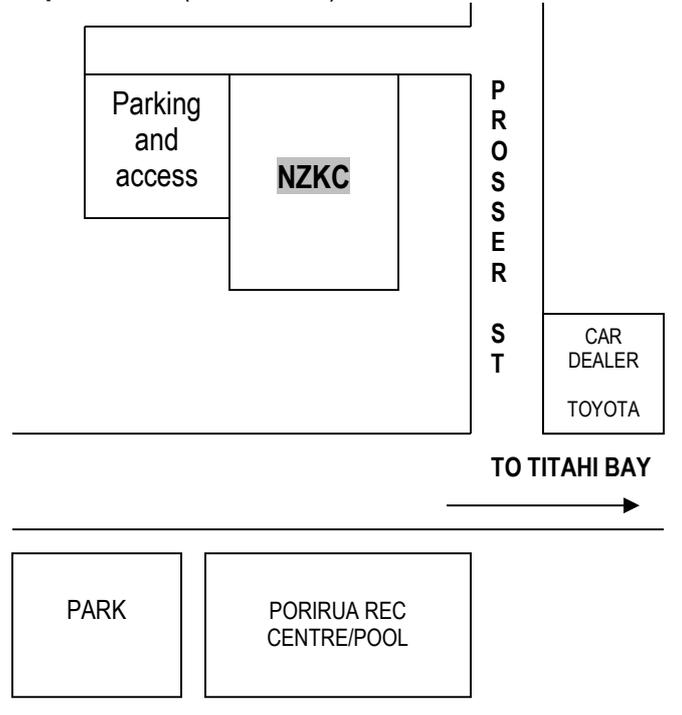
Class Info...

Thankfully someone had the great idea to suggest going indoors over winter, so after some quick emails around the committee it was agreed to book the NZKC centre to hold our winter (terms 2 and 3) classes indoors. Hooray! No more muddy footprints on the back seat of the car!

All classes will now be held at the NZ Kennel Club, Prosser Street, Porirua. (The big blue building on the left, just over half way up Prosser Street.)
Parking and access inside is at the rear of the building.

To cover the costs of the venue hire all classes have been increased by \$10.00, except for puppies, as they only have a 5-week term, compared to the normal 8-week term that other classes have.

Map to NZKC (Not to scale) ☺



Puppies:

Classes start at 6:00pm. Groups are divided in half and will be either with Lynne or Zoë.

Course runs for 5 weeks, with intakes at week one and week six. Term costs \$45 for indoors (terms 2 and 3) and \$40 for outdoors (terms one and four).

Classes cover basic obedience and behaviour work with time for play and socialising with the other puppies.

Domestic Classes:

Classes start at either 6:30pm or 7:30pm.

New instructors each term, class numbers vary from about 6-10 people per term, depending on demand.

Classes cover basic obedience and early stages of competition work. 8 Week term costs \$65 for indoor non members, \$55 for out door non member, \$50 for indoor member and \$40 for outdoor member.

CGC - Canine Good Citizen:

Classes start at either 6:30pm or 7:30pm.

Three stages of the award: bronze, silver and gold.

Covers basic obedience and appropriate behaviour.

Term costs the same as the domestic classes.

Competition Classes:

These classes are aimed at those that are preparing and competing their dogs in obedience.

Classes available for people (and dogs) at all stages of training. Terms, times and costs the same as above two classes. Instructors vary each term.

TBCOC Instructors

Each term the instructors vary depending on availability. Below is a list of the current terms team of instructors.

Zoë Canvin – Puppies 6pm

Lynne Barr – Puppies 6pm

Colin Diggins – Domestic One 7:30pm

Bronwyn Weir – Domestic One 7:30pm

Janine Holmes – Domestic One/Two 6:00pm + 7:30pm

Wendy MacIree – Domestic Two (Also CGC) 6:30pm

Lianne Hodges – CGC 6:30pm and 7:30pm

Jenny Rutherford – CGC Silver 6:15pm

Cheryl Dickson – Competition One 7:30pm

Sherrie MacIntyre – Competition One/Two 7:30pm

Claudia Nottingham – Competition Three/Four 7:30pm

Angelique Aamodt – Senior Class 6:30pm

Dates for the diary...

Next Puppy in take: 21st August
Graduation: 11th September
Last Puppy Class: 18th September
Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 12th September
Enrolment: 26th September (At TBCOC)
Term Four Starts: Tuesday 10th October (At TBCOC)
October Champ Show: Saturday 14th October



Dogs in the news!

Article forwarded by Wendy MacIree, from the "Washington Post", 19.06.06

NB: This article has been reduced to fit the newsletter. The full article can be found at:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/18/AR2006061800857.html?referrer=email>

"A Bite and Bark That Saved a Life. Cell phone Chomp Called 911 for Beagle's Owner"



Belle and owner, Kevin Weaver.

Belle Weaver is flying into the nation's capital today to receive an award for saving a family member's life. Before she leaves town, she'll meet with her congressman, accept a certificate autographed by a football great and bow her head to receive a medal. Stories such as hers, of heroism and quick thinking, are always inspiring. But this one has a twist, and not just because Belle is 3 years old. You see Belle Weaver is a beagle. She used her owner's cell phone to call 911. Her owner, Kevin Weaver, 34, was in the throes of a diabetic seizure, lying unconscious on his kitchen floor, when Belle located his phone and chomped down on the keypad, triggering a call.

The only thing emergency dispatchers heard was barking, but it was enough cause to send help. Weaver, a former flight attendant, woke up hours later in the hospital, weak and disoriented. Belle was there by his side, having finagled a ride in the ambulance. Doctors told Weaver that had Belle not intervened before his room mates arrived home -- leaving Weaver alone for five hours on the kitchen floor with dangerously low blood sugar, he probably wouldn't have made it. As a puppy, she was returned to the pet store *twice* by dissatisfied buyers, before Weaver's friend mentioned seeing the doggy in the window. "I felt sorry for her," Weaver said about that encounter less than two years ago. "I went in and said, 'She's mine.'" "From that moment, Belle assumed the role of cherished pet. She had no special skills other than friendship. But as Weaver's lifelong struggle with diabetes got worse and he developed seizures, a frequent passenger on one of his flights suggested that he give Belle special training as a medical assistance dog. The training for diabetic-alert dogs is not unlike the education provided to guide dogs for the visually impaired. But instead of learning to act as someone's guide, the animals are schooled to sense when their handlers' blood sugar is too high or low. A beagle's sense of smell is many hundreds of times as strong as a human's. During her training, Belle was taught to lick Weaver's nostrils to smell his breath, reading his ketone level. If something isn't right, Belle knows to start scratching Weaver's leg, warning him to adjust his sugar levels before a seizure comes on. For a worst-case scenario, Belle was taught to bite down on Weaver's cell phone -- specifically on the number 9, which is programmed to dial 911. The training was costly -- about \$9,000 for nine months of intensive schooling -- but as it happened, it was worth every penny the morning of Feb 7. Weaver awoke feeling dizzy and nauseated. And Belle knew there was a problem. "She started scratching at me and whining," Weaver recalled. "I thought maybe she had to go to the bathroom, not hitting on what was going on. I took her outside and brought her back in, and that's when I had the seizure."

It was the first seizure Weaver had had since Belle had completed her trained about eight months earlier. Weaver had wondered if any dog could be relied on to do a job that some adults would be too panicked for in a crisis.

But once Weaver collapsed, Belle was on it.

Weaver was discharged from the hospital that night. His first stop was a steakhouse, where he and Belle both enjoyed dinner.

His seizures have forced Weaver to give up his job with the airline. These days he works at Walt Disney World, where, years ago, he was employed to work with Pluto, one of the most famous dog characters, though hardly as smart as Belle. Recently Disney arranged for Weaver to have a front-desk job where he could work with Belle, clad in her medical assistance vest, at his feet.

Weaver is certain of one thing about his dog.

"She loves me and I love her," Weaver said, talking on his cell phone. "She's my best friend, that's for sure."

Obituaries

Carol Howell
19.11.53-16.04.06

Carol was a well-known and respected handler in dog obedience. She represented Zone 3 on many occasions, and held almost a strangle hold on the Zone 3 Obedience Dog of the Year awards, winning one of the sashes nearly every year since she started competing. She was always pleased for everyone who did well, and she gracefully accepted the judges' decision no matter how it went.

Many will miss Carol's sense of humour and friendship, and hearing her laughter at the shows.

- *Excerpt taken from the July edition of the Kennel Gazette.*

Our thoughts and sympathies are with her family, as well as her canine friends.

Wayne Clarken

We are very sad to see the passing of a long-serving club, committee and life member, Wayne Clarkson. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his friends and family during this difficult time.



Club Notices...

Pet Obituaries

Billy
January 1990 - April 2006

I was asked to write an obituary for Billy and at the end of the day what can you say. What an innings, what a dog. My partner in crime for 16 years, from special beginners to Test C we travelled the country. Agility, Tux Wonder dogs and even a bit of tracking.

Always remembered in my heart, an individual that will never be forgotten but definitely the end of era for me. Gone from my side but remembered forever through the things that he taught me and that I will pass on to others for many years to come.

Bark as much as you like Billy.

Jenny Rutherford

Hollie and Teagan

Our condolences to Angelique and Murray Aamodt, who lost both their companions in close succession. Our thoughts are with you.

Roosay

Farewell also to Lynne Barr's long time friend. Our thoughts are with you.

- *All obituaries on behalf of all TBCOC members*

Club Shop

Don't forget that we have a shop on sight at the clubrooms.

This is stocked and managed by Lynne Barr, so if you have any questions don't hesitate to check with her. Over the winter Lynne will also be bringing supplies from the club to sell at the NZKC centre.

The prices are cheaper than most pet stores and vets, so if you need a new lead, an interesting toy, some training aids and even worming tablets, stop by our shop first!

Opening hours are from 6:00pm onwards.
Cash or cheque sales only.

Notice Board

Inside the Ngati Toa Domain clubrooms, there is also a notice board.

This has a whole heap of interesting little bits of info so when you've got a spare minute one club night, pop in and have a look.

Also, if you have anything that you want to put up, forward it onto me, Zoë, and I will get it on there for you.

This might include ad's for goods you want to sell, business cards for vets and kennels, funny news clippings and any other info you might think appropriate. This goes for the newsletter too!

Fun Spot...

This month's theme is DOG COSTUMES!

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