

Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club



AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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Cover photo – Frenzy & Shadow - Currently Frenzy is about 3 1/2 and Shadow is about 2 1/2. Both females, both flat-coated retrievers. Are full sisters (same mother and father) but different litters. They came from Robin Annand in Feilding. Frenzy is well named. Shadow is a little less frantic but not much. Both love to swim in the river. Frenzy likes to take a running leap and do a bellyflop while Shadow prefers to quietly slip into the water. They will lick you to death if given the opportunity.

From the Editor



Remember to send the editor any photos, jokes or articles to be included in the newsletter

Well another month has gone by and as promised here is your August newsletter. They definitely seem to be getting longer but I'm still waiting for some help with articles etc.

It was brought to my attention recently that dogs were being trained down the end of the grounds during puppy class. Please note that no dogs (other than the puppies themselves) are to be on the grounds during puppy class 6 – 630 Tuesday. Thanks everyone.

Committee Stuff

Ways of increasing instructors and membership

If any members have any ideas on how we can do this please approach one of the committee members.

Life Members Board

Quotes are currently being obtained to complete this task.

Class Structure including competition class and a K9 Good Behaviour Award

Please see sections later in newsletter for the Competition Class proposal. We are seeking any suggested changes to the proposal to be in Jenny Rutherford's hands no later than the end of August. The final guideline for the Competition Class will be published in next months newsletter. There are also some Competition Class Notes being drafted if you are interested in seeing these or would like to help put these together please see Jenny Rutherford. We are hoping to have a draft proposal for the K9 Good Behaviour Award to publish in the September newsletter.

Maintenance

It has been brought to my attention that there are a couple of things around the club that need fixing. The committee will be looking at a working bee soon. These working bees can be a lot of fun – so keep an eye out for when it is scheduled and come along. So of the things that need repairing are, bin down the end of grounds (replaced), rust on roof, step, general tidy up. Does anyone else have anything that they think needs attention?

Results Board

This has now been completed. Please see attachment to this newsletter. Please note the altered points structure for Ribbon Trial and Championship shows. The telly so far this year is below:

Jenny Rutherford	Bounce	5
Lynne B	Taiza	14
Cheryl D	Shadow	30
Alison	Alfie	6
Jenny G	Combo	16
Geoff Collins	Frenzy	5
Claudia N	Montana	11
Angelique A	Caden	5
Robin F	Kerry	3
Merrin	Steffi	9

Membership Database

This has now been done and all the current members loaded on. Johan has donated a laptop computer. Thanks very much to those who were involved in this project.

I will keep these items rolling over each newsletter with progress comments until they are completed.

Shop News

Until the end of August (31 August) the shop is running a special on little chew bones and balls. These will be priced at a 20% discount (40 cents each) off their normal price. We also have some older style club jackets at a 50% reduced price. We also have pigs ears available at \$17.50 for 25 pigs ears.

Shop IOUs

Please remember these need to be cleared by 31 August 2003. Again if you have any problems with doing this please contact either our Treasurer (Lianne Hodges) or myself (Jenny Rutherford).

Competition Class Proposal

We have had a competition class running over the past couple of months. It has been very successful. We want to put in place guidelines regarding things like entry into this class and clearly outline the purpose of the class for future members and committees to refer back to. Please find attached a "Draft Competition Class Proposal". This is designed as a guideline as to class structure, entry, graduation etc to limit (in later months/years) confusion over the classes original intention and purpose. Can anyone think of a situation that might arise regarding this class that is not covered in the proposal?

If you do have any comments or suggestions please pass these on to Jo Goddard or Jenny Rutherford.

Snoopy Report

The most noticeable thing at Central's ribbon trial on 5 July was the weather. It was yuk. I will however comment on the parking arrangements which were fantastic (cars parked all in the black area). There was not a great turn out but I was pleased to see the show was well supported by Titahi Bay members as you'll see from the results. There were also a lot of members doing things without their dogs (Jenny Greer, senior observing judge for Novice and Royce doing his Zone thing). Geoff was also doing stuff around the place without his dog, unfortunately this included competing. Central's RT is the first show after the promotion of new judges onto the obedience judges panel. It was great to see that two of those new judges were making their first appearance in the special beginners and novice rings. New judges must be observed by a senior judge for their first judging appointment. I could imagine this could be quite nerve racking but from what I hear they did a fantastic job. Anyone interested in getting involved in the OJA training programme please speak to Jenny Greer.

Well, I'll be looking for you all around the up and coming shows during August.

Sources: Anonymous

A Fairy Tale.

Now whilst we are all not entirely clear about the general develop of the three Collie breeds of Border, Rough and Bearded, I have been taken to task for failing to explain the "QUEST" the experience of three developing puppies as the character and origins of their breed was truly established.

Our three puppies had spent the day romping around, as you folks will know, when their dam, the universal mother of our breeds, called them to her. There comes a time "she said" when you have to seek your own way in the world. It is a harsh place, and getting worse by the year and you will need Courage and Forbearance and Loyalty to sustain you, but you will need that Special Something that makes you the dog that you really are. The Special Something is already within you, but to find it you will need to travel far and suffer much-you my puppies, must undertake the "Quest".

So the Border Pup packed his map and compass, and the Rough Pup packed his oldest bone and his newest pillow, and the Bearded Pup found her most bouncy tennis ball and off they went into the great wide blue yonder.

At the foot of the Great Mountains they came upon the Kennel of the Wise Old Hound. "You must cross the Highest peaks" he growled, "and travel through the territories of the wildest Wolves. You must swim the fiercest torrents, and all this will be easy-but you must also meet MAN, and that is the sternest test of all, for MAN is more daunting than the peaks, more ravenous than the wolves and more destructive than the fastest river..

Well for many weeks they travelled. Border Pup navigated them all the way with great care and great skill through unmapped mountains and unexplored valleys. Rough Pup parlayed with the Wicked Wolves, charmed them with his easy wit and honest manner so that they allowed the three pups to pass through their lands. And all the while the

Beardie Pup ran back and forth encouraging her companions in times of trouble amusing them in times of depression and fearlessly crossing the most rugged terrain (All the while holding her tennis ball).

Man welcomed the Pups into his homes and amongst his children and there they stayed for one whole month. Border Pup told Man-Children the story of their adventures and he showed them how to find their way safely from place to place and he was a popular Pup ! Rough Pup let the Man-Children ride his back and let the Man-Babies pull his tail, and he was the friendliest of Pups. And the Beardie Pup did back somersaults and carried three tennis balls in her mouth and rolled upside down with the Man-Children in the hay-grass and she was the happiest of Pups.

At the fullness of the moon, the three Pups were summoned before the Wisest Man Pups, he said. " You have all developed Courage and Forbearance and Loyalty and that is how it should be for ALL DOGS, but you are Special Breeds and have each found that Special Something that makes MAN want you in his homes and in his village."

BORDER PUP. said the Wisest Man. " You have done well. I grant you the attribute of Universal Popularity, you will for all time be a popular breed and work with man ". And Border Pup looked very important and pushed out his chest and stuck his tail a little further in the air-and ever after was universally popular as a servant to man.

ROUGH PUP. said the Wisest Man. " You have done well. I grant you the gift of Absolute Friendliness everyone, especially children will forever be your friend ". And the Rough Pup put his sleek head between his paws and wagged his bushy tail and was from that day on always everybody's friend.

BEARDIE PUP. said the Wisest Man, and there was perhaps a twinkle in his rheumy old eye. " You are a loony Pup - to you I offer eternal happiness, from now on you will make everyone you meet as happy as you are !". And Beardie Pup leapt three feet up in the air and caught a passing tennis ball, and Beardie Pup did three back somersaults running and Beardie Pup smiled that special Beardie smile that only Beardies smile-and she was forever happy.

Cups and Trophies

This is a current list of the cups and trophies Titahi Bay currently have record of. Obviously as new members arrive some details can get lost. Geoff has put a lot of work into trying to find out whether or not the details are correct. We thought the final stage should be to put it back to the members for any details that you can remember. Please let Geoff Collins know if you think any of the details listed below are incorrect. Thanks.

March and October Shows

Team Shield/Team Trophy (Ehoa Pai):

March and October shows
For clubs in Zone 3 (one team per club)

AAA Cup

Presented by MW and AM Aamodt (2000)

Test A

March and October shows

Open to Test A competitors resident in the Wellington region as defined by the Wellington Regional Council boundaries to include Wellington City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council, South Wairarapa District Council, Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council

High Hopes Cup (incorrectly inscribed High Hops)

Presented by Penny Nalder and Avis Gollop (1999)

Special Beginners

March and October shows

Open to Titahi Bay members only, competing in Special Beginners

Arty Knapp Memorial Cup

Most Brilliant Distance Control

March and October Shows

Open to Test C competitors resident in Zone 3 Only

March Show Only

Warner Cup

Presented by Paul and Gill Warner (1978)
Special Beginners
March show only
Open to all

Taylor Cup

Presented by A Taylor (1978)
Novice
March show only
Open to all

Varcoes Goldie

Presented by Elaine Varcoe (1994)
Test A
March show only
Open to all

Sanastasia Special Lady Cup

Presented by Sandy Fea (1999)
Test B
March show only
Open to all

Deva Starling Memorial Cup

Presented by Mandy Starling (2001)
Test C
March show only
Open to all

October Show Only

Lions Trophy

Special Beginners
October show only
Highest Special Beginner dog registered with the Porirua City Council

Patron's Plate

Best New Special Beginner
October show only
Highest TBCOC member in special beginners who has never won a special beginners championship trial event.

Lions Trophy - Aggregate

Novice to Test C
October show only
Highest aggregate over Novice to Test C for dogs registered with the Porirua City Council

Club-Only Cups

Milne Memorial Cup

Given out at AGM each year for TBCOC member with the highest number of points based on weighted placings in Championship Trials and Ribbon Trials throughout the previous 12 months

Lost/Discontinued Cups and Trophies

Tobin and Buckner (Cup?)

Donated by Tobin and Buckner (company) (1978)
Test C
March Show Only
Last presented March 2000 (Rosemary Cleater)
Replaced by Deva Starling Memorial Cup 2001

Amber of Dunhoe CDX Memorial Cup

Test A

March and October shows

Wellington region only

Last presented October 1999 to Ian MacDonald (was handed back but needed replacing)

Replaced by AAA Trophy 2000

Gently Bently Cup (High Hopes)

Special Beginners

March and October shows

TBCOC members only

Last presented October 1999 to Amanda

Replaced by High Hopes Cup 2000

Graduation Cup

TBCOC graduations

Last presented April 1998 to Rob James

Knappac Cup – Graduation

Special Beginners

TBCOC Graduation

Last presented April 1997 to Jackie Beaton

25th Anniversary Shield

Most improved club member and dog

Presented at final graduation night

No record (possibly this is the graduation cup?)

Kuritoa Cup

Presented by L Potts (now Cherry) (1978)

Test B

March show only

Last presented in March 1998 to Avis Gollop

Replaced by Sanastasia Special Lady Cup 1999

Results and Shows

Central Allbreeds Dog Training School – Ribbon Trial – 5 July

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Cheryl D	Shadow	Elementary 2	1st
Alison	Alfie	Elementary 2	3 rd
Cheryl D	Shadow	Spec Beg	1st
Lynne B	Taiza	Spec Beg	3 rd
Jenny R	Bounce	Novice	1st
Jenny G	Combo	B	4 th

NDTA Benefit – Championship – 19 July

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Lynne B	Taiza	Spec B	3 rd
Jenny G	Combo	B	1st

NDTA Benefit – Championship – 20 July

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Cheryl D	Shadow	Spec B	3 rd
Jenny G	Combo	B	3 rd

Feilding R/T – 27 July

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Cheryl D	Shadow	Spec B	1st
Geoff C	Frenzy	SB	4 th
Geoff C	Frenzy	Elem 2	3 rd

Please note those in bold are congratulated for their wins and invited to celebrate their achievement with their fellow club members on 2 September. Bring a plate.

See attached example of the new points board. You will note the different points for championships and ribbon trials.

Competition Class Structure

Background

The Competition class is specifically structured towards handlers wanting to compete. It is designed to encourage new competitors to attend and compete at NZKC dog training events. The classes will assist in teaching handlers the necessary skills needed to train their dog to a satisfactory level to begin to compete and obtain the necessary understanding of the structure and rules relating to dog obedience.

Once the handler has reached a satisfactory level the Competition Class is designed to look directly at improving their performance in the ring and getting a better understanding of how a show is run, the different levels of competition and different methods and options of dog training.

Basic Structure

The competition Class will be spilt into two levels:

- Junior Competition Class; and
- Senior Competition Class.

Both classes will be taught based on individual instruction rather than class work. Each class will have its own instructor.

1. Basic Structure – Junior Competition Class

The Junior Competition Class will cover:

Correct Heel Position, Correct Present Position, Stays, Structure of Dog Training Events, Dog Training Rules/Council Rules.

Puppy sendaways, scent, and distance control may also be covered at this stage depending on the dogs/handlers ability.

2. Basic Structure – Senior Competition Class

The senior competition class will follow directly on from the junior competition class. Most of the members of this class will be close to or already competing. It will focus on footwork, presentation, and attitude. It will look at shows (getting started at shows and results from shows). A definite individual approach will be taken in the Senior Competition Class.

The Senior Competition Class will also promote a sense of club belonging and inclusion at the shows.

Entry to the class

The junior Competition Class is limited to those people wanting to compete only. It is not an option between the grade classes. Places in the Junior Competition Class are limited.

The Junior Competition Class is open to dogs whose handlers meet the above criteria of any age (including puppies).

If after commencement of the Junior Competition Class the Instructor does not feel the handler is serious or putting in enough effort, after discussion with the Senior Competition Class Instructor and an evaluation done, the handler can be asked to take a place in the next available place in a grade class.

If after commencement of the Junior Competition Class a handler does not feel that the Junior Competition Class is the right class for them or they change their mind they will be placed in the next available place in a grade class.

The Senior Competition Class is limited to those people who have graduated from the Junior Competition Class or have been evaluated by the Senior Competition Class Instructor as being suitable to be included in the class.

Graduation from the Competition Class

Graduation from the Junior Competition Class to Senior Competition Class is by evaluation of both instructors from the two classes.

Graduation from the Senior Competition Class is once the handler/dog have won out of or are successfully and consistently working well in Special beginners then they would move up to the "Novice" or "Elementary" class depending on which class they were more suited minutes.

If members need certificates for council registration they will be assessed by their instructor as to whether they meet the criteria.

Cost

The same cost applies to both Competition classes as for the grade classes.