

Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club

Nov-Dec '05 Newsletter



This is the last TBCOC newsletter for the year folks, but that doesn't mean things aren't happening!

We have plans in the pipeline for the summer walking group, which was a huge success last year and don't forget our website is nearly done, plus there are details to follow of our Christmas party as well as results from our Champ Show and the NDTA, AND plenty of tips and tricks to keep your puppies happy, healthy and safe this summer. So keep this issue handy, as it will have all you need to know and more for the coming summer months.

Happy Training!



Important Dates

Graduation Night	Tuesday 22nd November	6:00pm
TBCOC Committee and Instructors Dinner	Wednesday 7th December	7:30pm
Christmas Party!	Sunday 11th December	10:30am
Next Committee Meeting	Wednesday 11th January 2006	6:30pm
Twilight Ribbon Trial (See Poster attached)	Tuesday 17th January 2006	6:00pm
Enrolment Night	Tuesday 24th January 2006	6:30pm
First Class for 2006	Tuesday 31st January 2006	6:00pm/6:30pm/7:30pm

October Champ Show

Well done to all those that came along and competed, and thank you very much to everyone involved! Especially to Cheryl, our test secretary, Lianne, who ran a fantastic kitchen, and to all the judges, stewards and other little helpers on the day.

It was a great success, with a total of 109 entries, and that's not including the elementary entries on the day!

Also, don't forget that these competitions are the best times to come along and work with your dog, without competing. Practicing your 'watching' and using the noise and other distractions as tools to help your dog work better in these environments, not just at home or the dog club.

Results from the Show

Special Beginners

Judge: Jenny Greer

- 1st: Tabitha Dell-Rivers & Karuz 'n' Kwik 72 pts
- 2nd: Sandra Caithness & Beaucourt's Crackerjack 68.5 pts
- 3rd: Dave Cochrane & Tyler 68 pts
- 4th: Ray Salter & Deringolsta Ikos 63.5 pts
- 5th: Camille Hearfield & Dornbrae Rusty of Queen 63 pts

Novice

Judge: Michael Hoy

- 1st: Kathy Kerr & Mace of Rotwein 99.5 pts
- 2nd: Ann Chester & Longroyd Heez Gonna Sparkle 98.5 pts
- 3rd: Sue Cooper & Whitecliff Cosmic Ice 98.5 pts
- 4th: Christine Hughes & Shayiska Hershey Bear 98 pts
- 5th: Yvonne Tippett & Lucy Lawless 97

Test A

Judge: Bernadette Thompson

- 1st: Paula Edwards & Whitecliff Just Nasa 144 pts
- 2nd: Terry Mawson & Deringolsta Ukarl 143 pts
- 3rd: Jewel Bristol & Sanastasia Teah's Shelly 142.5 pts
- 4th: Sue Richardson & Krystalmoon Orion Smuggler 142.5 pts
- 5th: Sue Sloan & Cannon 142 pts

Test B

Judge: Kate Winters

- 1st: Lois Skelton & Shayiska I Am Dillon 218 pts
- 2nd: Rachael Wildbore & Wist-Away Clasic Cade 218 pts
- 3rd: Colleen Pender & Wist-Away Clasic Chyme 216.5 pts
- 4th: Irma Harris & Bradwins El Fantom CDX 216.5 pts
- 5th: Tracy Anderson & Dellapoint Loyal Chas CDX 215.5 pts

Test C

Judge: Rosemary Cleator

- 1st: Anne Hoogveen & OB.CH Speyside Simply Red CDX 291 pts
- 2nd: Angelique Aamodt & Santasasia Cherished One 290 pts
- 3rd: Katrina Roebuck & OB.CH Wist-Away Clasic Clay CDX 288 pts

Elementary One

Judge: Elaine Varcoe

- (People from TBCOC)
- 1st: Philippa Little & Nemo
- 4th: Zoë Canvin & Riley

Elementary Two

Judge: Elaine Varcoe

- (People from TBCOC)
- 5th: Zoë Canvin & Riley



NDTA

4th: Paula Edwards & Karuz 'n Haste 287 pts

5th: Sue Willis & Torquins Dancing Queen (Imp-UK) 279 pts

The National Dog Training Assembly was this year held in Taupo and was attended by many of our more than capable handlers and their talented pooches.

Robin Fraser, Jenny Rutherford, Alannah Knapp, Geoff Collins, Cheryl Dickson, Sherrie, Lynne Barr and Angelique Aamodt all attended, representing Zone 3 in Obedience.

Congratulations Jenny and Visa who very successfully took out 3rd place in Novice, while Robin grabbed 9th in Test A and Alannah very deservedly obtained CDX.

A big well done to Geoff, Cheryl, Sherrie, Lynne and Angelique who all went a long and competed in what I understand was a very tough competition. WELL DONE!

Classes...

This year has seen us introduce a new Kids Class, continue to extend the CGC classes and create a new Competition class. It has been a fantastic year, with plenty of comings and goings, and it's always great to see people working hard with their pets.

Puppies: Zoë Canvin...

This year has been my first time at handling and coaching all the new kids on the block, and it's been a huge learning curve for all involved!

The classes have been jammed pack with families and their Spoodles, Labradoodles, Border Collies, Mastiffs, Japanese Spitz, King Charles Spaniels, the good old X breeds, Retrievers, Terriers galore and even the odd Cockatoo! Congrats to all those that made their way through a rather hectic 8 weeks of puppy training, it's been a blast!

Kids Class: Tamara Savage..

This term saw the implementation of our very first "Kid's Class", with three very enthusiastic young handlers with very enthusiastic and exuberant dogs enrolled. As well as games and basic obedience (heeling, sits, downs and recalls), the class content included a talk by Mandy Starling on dog safety and local vet Mathew Whitford on dog healthcare. We hope to continue this class in future terms.

CGC: Lianne Hodges...

We have been running CGC for about 15 months and it has been well received. The start was a bit shakey as we had not done this before and the first class - CGC Basic - was run for 16 weeks (2 terms) when we realised that it could be covered in 8 weeks!! But everyone passed and we carried on and did CGC Bronze. That was also a great success, so we tried CGC Silver but that didn't work quite as well, as I was unable to teach some of the required curriculum. There is some debate in committee at the moment as to whether we carry on with Canine Good Citizen, as there are high costs now associated with this programme. It is still under discussion, but if the committee decide not to go with CGC then we will possibly run a programme of our own, as there is definitely a need for it.

It has been fun teaching these courses and we have all learnt something during them.

Thank you to all those who have helped with them and to those who attended.

Website Update

Wendy has been hard at work constructing our web page. www.tbcoc.org.nz

The web site will have contact details, class details and info, all the newsletters will be available to view, there will be recipes for fun dog treats and food, an "Agony Aunt" section, photos from competitions and lots, lots more! If you have any ideas about what should be on the site, recipes for all kinds of treats, photos or even handy training tips, then email them through to Wendy at macilree@ihug.co.nz

It's Christmas Time!



Jingle Bells, doggie smells, puppy did a pee.

Mum and Dad have gone berserk cause Fido chewed the tree. HEY!

Summer Walking Group...

Back by popular demand, are the summer walking groups for TBCOC members, family and friends. For four weeks over December we meet at the club and head out for a walk. Each walk is roughly an hour and we visit a different location each week.

There is no cost involved and is open to everyone, except puppies, as they are a bit too young to be trekking the big wide world just yet.

Dates for the walks are as follows. Meet at the club 6:45pm each night and don't forget those poopie bags!

Tuesday 29th November. Tuesday 6th December. Tuesday 13th December. Tuesday 20th December.

Christmas Party!

Bring one bring all! **Sunday 11th December, 10:30am** at the club grounds is our magnificent Christmas Party! There will be a BBQ running as well as games and prizes for best dressed dog, fastest dog (can you beat Riley who won it last year?), winner of the 'musical mats' game, the food retrieve and so much more! All partygoers to bring a salad, bread or something tasty for dessert as well as a smile and plenty of sun block! Look forward to seeing you all there!



Looking after your dog this summer...

This is a busy time for all families and sometimes the furry member of the whanau can get left behind in the Christmas hustle and bustle.

We've come up with a few tips to make sure no one dog gets left out this holiday season.

Doggie-sitting:

If you are planning on going away over the break, I hope you have booked a kennel well in advance, cause many boarding kennels are booked out for the Christmas/New Year period, even as far back as May! These are the best options for you and your pooch, as they are a safe and hopefully fun place to spend a week or two. Prices range depending on what the kennels offer, but the standard price is somewhere

between \$10 and \$20 per day and it definitely pays to “shop around”. Always check the accommodation and other facilities before you book him or her in. Don’t be afraid to ask questions and have a good nose around the property first.

The other option is to bring someone in to look after your four legged friends at your home.

A lot of people physically advertise their availability in publications like the Trade and Exchange, via various web pages and even the odd agency. Again, it always pays to check these people out first!

Introduce them to the pets a couple of times before leaving them with the new sitter, and make sure they are well equipped with the knowledge and some know how of how to keep your animals in line.

Of course, family members or close friends would be the ideal option, but if like you they are planning a wee get away then they might not be available.

Taking them with you...

But if you just can’t bear to be away from Frida and Fido at all, you can always take them with you.

Consider travel arrangements, and before leaving check with whoever you are staying with to see if the area is dog friendly, ie: camping grounds, local beaches and holiday homes. Take plenty of food, treats, toys, poo bags, containers for water, extra towels, leads, and even shampoo, cause you never know what they might like to roll in one hot afternoon.

Other bits and pieces...

- 🌀 It might also pay to keep up to date with your vet’s hours over the Christmas break. Check to see when they are open and keep the dates and contact details handy, especially if someone else is looking after them.
- 🌀 Start making and freezing those Kong Toy frozen treats. Will no doubt come in handy if the weather gets toasty.
- 🌀 Brush up on the Dog Control Policy...especially times and places you can and cannot take your dog. (Beaches, playing fields, etc.)
- 🌀 Get them something special for Christmas, so they too have something new and exciting to play with on the day. Hopefully keeping them semi occupied for a minute or two.



But whatever you do this summer, just remember to leave plenty of water outside and inside, have a cool shady spot for them to chill out in, and maybe a run on the beach every now and again, but only before 9:00am or after 7:00pm! (Remember the bylaws!)

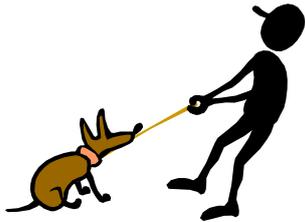
Be safe, be responsible and have fun with all your family, short, tall, big, small, long, lean, clean or smelly!

From everyone at TBCOC have a fantastically Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

“Woof woof! Bark bark bark!”



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RIBBON TRIAL NOTICE Tuesday 17 January 2005

Ngatitoo Domain PAREMATA

Elementary 1	Geoff Collins
Elementary 2	Claudia Nottingham
Special Beg	Katrina Roebuck
Novice	Debra Logie
Test A	Jenny Rutherford
Test B & C	June Rippon

Please note: Test C will follow Test B.
Elementary 2 will follow Elementary 1.

Entries from: 6.00 pm
Judging commences: 6.30 pm
Entry Fees: \$3 per entry
Ribbons to 5th place
Catering Available

