

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The warm weather has now left us, but training continues as usual. Warm socks and shoes, beanies, jackets for humans and dogs are the norm, so we keep moving and the dogs benefit by our attendance.

The end of the financial year is also creeping up on us, so just a reminder to those of you who are financial members of the AWL NSW (this is separate to your Narooma Dog Training Club registration) that renewals will soon be due. If you don't belong to AWL NSW but would like to join, then now is the time. Just see Carol Hellmers, our very efficient Secretary, at the sign-in table on training afternoons and she can advise you on how to join. This will give you the right to vote at the forthcoming AGM, and volunteer to take up a vacant position on the Executive Committee if you are keen. New faces are always welcome as many hands and ideas make light work. If you feel you would like to give back to the Narooma Dog Training Club by helping in anyway please see anyone on the Committee. As President of Committee, I welcome your support and are always happy to see new members come to our General Meetings which are held on the 4th Friday of every month.

As the weather cools, don't worry if you can't commit to regular training days, we still love to see you when you have time. At training there are a few ways in which you can help us run the afternoon smoothly.

One of those is if you could arrive at least 15 minutes before your class starts to give yourself enough time to pay ground fees and settle your dog. Another way of helping is for everyone, once they have paid and had the dog health checked, is to move away from the service area and take your dog onto the ground well away from the entry gate. Then you can chat comfortably with your friends. Please take pity on the secretarial staff who are trying to get forms filled in, signed and money paid, whilst being surrounded by barking, sometimes growling animals.

Finally I would like to thank all of you who turned up to the Family Fun Day, donated cakes for the stall, joined in the events, made up the demonstration team and generally enjoyed themselves. Your support is invaluable. We received wonderful donations and, after expenses, raised \$363.71, which will be put towards improvements in equipment and running costs.

Cheers,
Steve Genner, President

PS

Do you have any news or photos for publication in the next edition of the Woofers? I'm sure many of you have very interesting tales to share. Please submit them to Carol Hellmers at the sign-in table or email to secretaryndtc@gmail.com

ABOUT NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training starts at 2pm. Instructors have other jobs before that time, such as registration, health check of dogs, safety check on the grounds, selling equipment etc. Where possible, your arrival before 1.40pm will enable us to start classes on time.

AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club – Branch Executive Committee & Key Personnel

President	Secretary	Treasurer	WHS Officer
Steve Genner	Carol Hellmers	Peter Nelipa	Carol Hellmers
Chief Instructor		Instructors	Canine Examiner
Yve Robinson		Carol Low, Tess Poyner	Peter Nelipa
Deputy Chief Instructor		Peter Nelipa (Agility)	Photographer
Jean Page		Kathryn McKellar (Agility)	Rosy Williams
Equipment Officer		Agility Trailer	Woofers Editors
Jean Page		Peter Nelipa	Yve Robinson, Carol Hellmers
Equipment Assistants		Registration Assistant	First Aid
Carol Low, Ruth Watson		Valery McCauley	Carol Low

<u>Dog Training Enquiries:</u>	0458 953 281
<u>New registrations:</u>	1.30pm, 1st Saturday of every month.
<u>Training times:</u>	Every Saturday, weather permitting. Obedience - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced: 2pm - 3pm Agility - Beginners and Advanced: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
<u>Bad Weather?</u>	If in doubt, ring Yve – 4476 3900 or Carol – 0458 953 281

RULES

- All dogs to be kept on lead in class unless told otherwise by the Instructor.
- All handlers agree to be responsible for the behavior of their own dog, both ON or OFF lead.
- Children are welcome, but must be under direct parental supervision at all times as they are not covered by insurance.
- Handlers are advised to consult their medical professional regarding tetanus injections.
- Public liability, in case of accidents or incidents, when owning a dog is recommended.
- All members are asked to wear their name badges to class.
- Members are asked to wear appropriate footwear - high heels, sandals and thongs are not suitable when training a dog.
- Please remember the NATA Oval is open to the public, so clean up all dog droppings.
- Lessons will start at the advertised times – if late you will miss part of the lesson.
- Be a good club member - read the notice board, listen to announcements and practice exercises between weekly lessons.
- Please remember that all Instructors and other workers are volunteers. It will help the club run smoothly if you offer assistance when required.
- A first aid kit is available at the ground. See your Instructor if you require assistance.
- NDTC conducts a risk assessment of the training area and removes any offending material before classes commence. Nata Oval is a drug, alcohol and smoke free area.

FEES for 2018

Annual registration fees are: \$40 Adult, \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18), \$60 Family (any combination).

Ground fees for Obedience: \$3.00 per dog per lesson. Agility: \$3.00 per dog per lesson.

Agility and Obedience together: \$5.00 per dog.

FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

Youtube and Facebook are full of cute pictures of children with dogs, and they can have a lot of fun together. But most of these images are staged, with adults very close by to ensure that there are no accidents. Here are a couple of things to remember when kids are near your dog.

Many dogs are very happy to have a snugly warm toddler sleep with them, but this practice is not to be recommended. Once the child becomes older, more mobile, noisier and boisterous, the child can become an aggravation rather than friendly hot water bottle – and the dynamics between dog and child can change very quickly.

Small children, however much you trust your dog, should never be left alone with dogs. What can seem like a fun game to a child, like pulling ears and tails, is not fun for your pet. Children can be badly bitten, and usually the injury is to the face or upper body, which is at the dogs height. Teach your children and grandchildren from an early age to respect animals, play supervised games that everyone will enjoy, and there will be less “dangerous dog” notices issued by the rangers.

I’m sure you are aware that all dogs should be on the lead in public areas, so walking them along public footpaths means they should be on lead. This is for not only public safety but also for the safety of your dog. I have personally saved my dog from badly cut paws from broken glass that has been left on the path. Also in this part of the shire, black snakes love to come out and sun on the concrete. Most of us would prefer not to get too near, but many dogs will attack them with dire results to their health. We often share the pathway, such as the Narooma to Dalmeny walkway, with cyclists. Your dog should be on a lead in this instance too. Cyclists can be annoying, especially those who don’t use a bell to warn you of their approach! So take extra care in these areas.

Many people do not know that just having your dog microchipped is not enough identity. They must also be registered with the Council and wear an identity disk on their collar. If you happen to change your address the Council must be notified.

The Eurobodalla Shire Council has just finished running an online survey on the use of parks and beaches for recreational purposes. Many of you would have filled in the official council form and spoken to the Rangers at the Family Fun Day about the plan, which they are revising. Later in the year the results of submissions, and the final plan will be published. I think we will find that though some rules have been tightened other concessions, such as off leash areas, have been added.

All of us, as responsible dog owners, can help keep these areas for our dogs to enjoy as long as we follow a few basic rules, so that we have no complaints from members of the public. If we all show that we appreciate how lucky we are in this area, to have the Nata Oval as an off leash fenced dog park, and several beaches to enjoy exercising and playing with our dogs, then Council will continue supporting us.

Yve Robinson
Chief Instructor

UPCOMING DOG TRIALS IN BERMAGUI

Sapphire Coast Kennel and Obedience Club will be holding Rally Obedience and Obedience Trials across the Queens Birthday Public Holiday. To my knowledge two of our members will be taking part. If anyone else has entered could you please inform us and give us any results. We wish you good luck

FAMILY FUN DAY PHOTO GALLERY

With thanks to photographer Rosy Williams



Val and Carol keep the paperwork in order!



Sam and Virginia
with Crosby and his Certificate
for Best Groomed Dog



Back row: Guest Judges
Kym and Kate Sutherland
from Narooma Veterinary
with prize winners



FAMILY FUN DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Agility Instructor Kathryn helps everyone enjoy the trial Agility Course



FAMILY FUN DAY PHOTO GALLERY



More winners!

We welcomed the attendance of Eurobodalla Shire Council representatives Nathan Ladmore (left) and Ranger Mitchell Stirling (right)



3rd COUNTRY LINK and 1st AGILITY COMPETITION WINNERS – 28th April 2018

Country Link

- 1st Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q clear round
- 2nd Jenny Wharton and Chino
- 3rd Kate Le Bars and Hepburn

3rd Agility Competition

On lead

- 1st Carol Low and Trixie
- 2nd Rosemary Hoskins and Bebe

Off Lead

- 1st Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q
- Equal 1st Kate Le Bars and Hepburn
- 2nd Jenny Wharton and Chino
- 3rd Peter Nelipa and Bobbie

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

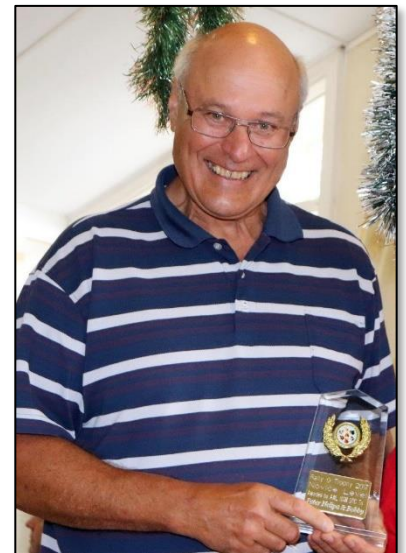
Carol Low

Carol joined the Narooma Dog Training Club (NDTC) in 2013 with her rescue pound dog called Lazzie. She worked hard with him and achieved the level of black class. In 2015 she decided she would like to gain more knowledge of obedience training and she volunteered and undertook an Instructors training course, and subsequently started her Instructors life. Carol comes from a farming background and has had animals around her all her life. She and her family bred purebred and commercial cattle, chickens, ducks, geese and peacocks. Of course, there were always plenty of farm dogs around as well, though at that stage she did not obedience train them - they were farm dogs, not pets. During this period in her life Carol won awards for Agribusiness, Environmental Management and State Landcare. She has always been a very busy lady, with many hobbies including gardening and different types of crafts. Now dog training has been added to that list. She and Lazzie have entered Rally O Trials successfully and enjoyed agility training. Unfortunately, Lazzie has developed a back problem, so Carol has started training her daughters terrier, Trixie. In 2017 Carol branched out, and with the aid of other club members, runs and sells home made dog treats and equipment on Saturdays before training. She also instigated a market stall at Dalmeny Makers Market which, along with generous donations of goods from other NDTC members, has proved very successful. Profits go towards the upkeep of our club agility equipment. In her own words "I enjoy everything I do and do it to the best of my ability". Carol is invaluable to the successful running of NDTC.



Peter Nelipa

Peter also joined Narooma Dog Training Club (NDTC) in 2013, with a cross border collie named Arni. Peter was a Commonwealth Public Servant and member of the Australian Federal Police in Canberra. When he and his wife Tanya retired they moved to Kianga with their then dog Hamish. Unfortunately Hamish, who was a Belgian Shepherd with aggressive tendencies towards other dogs, was returned to Canberra where he lives happily with other family members. Tanya and Peter then adopted Arni, who was an AWL rescue dog. To counter any behavioural issues that Arni might have, Peter immediately joined obedience classes. Arni had a lovely fun-loving nature, excelled in obedience, had great fun in agility and with Peter's patient training reached the Black Class. Peter decided to give back to NDTC. He took part in an Instructors Course and gradually started taking classes. He has been instructing for 3 years. Then disaster struck. Arni developed a severe stomach problem, his condition was unfortunately incurable and he died in 2016. After time Peter felt that he should get another dog. He and Tanya purchased a pure-bred border collie and Bobbie, at ten weeks old, came to live with them. Bobbie is a lively dog and participates in both obedience and agility training. Once Bobbie had reached blue class, Tanya took over the obedience training whilst Peter instructed. He and Bobbie both participate in agility class. Peter takes Bobbie plus two of his neighbours dogs on long daily walks and games at Duesbury Beach. He looks after the agility equipment, getting it to and from the Nata Oval each week, is a Canine Examiner, our Treasurer, and an Obedience and Agility Instructor. Peter is a great asset to the smoothly running of NDTC. The Christian name Peter means "the rock" and he definitely lives up to that.



NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2018 CALENDAR

correct as at 1 June 2018

- June 2 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
June 9 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND**
NO TRAINING OR AGILITY
- June 16 1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY
June 22 Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting – Uniting Church Hall Narooma
June 23 Obedience, Agility
June 30 Obedience, Agility
- July** **HALF YEAR REGISTRATION FEES BEGIN**
July 7 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
July 14 Obedience, Agility, 3RD RALLY O (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
July 21 Obedience - **BILL SMYTH OVAL**
July 27 Friday 7pm, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Narooma Golf Club
July 28 Obedience, 2ND AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK
- August 4 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
August 11 Obedience,
August 18 Obedience, Agility, 4TH RALLY O (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
August 24 Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
August 25 Obedience, Agility
- September 1 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
September 8 Obedience, Agility
September 15 2ND HANDLERS DAY - NO AGILITY
September 21 Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
September 22 Obedience, Agility
September 29 **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO TRAINING OR AGILITY**
- October 6 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
October 13 Obedience, Agility, 5TH RALLY O (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
October 20 Obedience, 3RD AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK
October 26 Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
October 27 Obedience, Agility
- November 3 **New Registrations**, Obedience, Agility
November 10 3RD HANDLERS DAY - NO AGILITY
November 17 Obedience, Agility
November 23 Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
November 24 Obedience, Agility
December 1 **DOGS and HANDLERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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