

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since my last report the Branch has held its Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year it was attended by AWL NSW members from Kemps Creek (Head Office). Mark Slater, the newly appointed CEO, Helen Powderly the Branch Liaison Officer and Aaron Heiler a member of their Board. The AGM ran very smoothly with a new appointment to our Branch Committee being John Low as Work, Health and Safety Officer. All appointments were filled unopposed – myself, Peter Nelipa (Treasurer/Vice President), Carol Hellmers (Secretary), Yve Robinson (Chief Instructor) and Jean Page (Deputy Chief Instructor). The Kemps Creek Staff members joined many of us at dinner, which was held at the Narooma Golf Club prior to the AGM. Mark advised us of the newly determined five-year plan in which the branches will play a much larger role in the activities of the AWL, with regional hubs set up in large country towns, such as Armidale. AWL NSW are also expanding their Inspectorate to investigate neglected, abused animals. We wish the new look AWL NSW good luck and will continue to support them as much as possible.

A bit of sad news - Robin Corringham, one of our staunch supporters died suddenly on her property at Bingi in late August. She and her deceased husband Ron both supported our dog club since inception about 12 years ago. We were part of the Eurobodalla AWL NSW Branch back then. Robin continued supporting us after her husband passed away, and each year since the Narooma Dog Training Club has awarded a trophy in his honour. Robin will be remembered by those of us who knew her well, not only as a firm supporter and animal lover, but as a clever, gentle person who will be sadly missed.

As the weather changes, don't worry if you can't commit to regular training days, we still love to see you.

Cheers,
Steve Genner - President

NDTC COMMITTEE and KEMPS CREEK STAFF

BACK ROW L to R
*Aaron Heiler, Carol Hellmers,
Mark Slater, Peter Nelipa,
John Low, Steve Genner.*

FRONT ROW L to R
*Jean Page, Yve Robinson,
Helen Powderly*



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	John Low
Chief Instructor		Instructors	Canine Examiner
Yve Robinson		Carol Low	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 volunteer. 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

One of the prime objectives of the dog training club is the welfare of all dogs and their handlers. We have a Work Health and Safety Officer, John Low, who inspects the Nata Oval before training each week, to make sure that nothing can injure anyone and that the area is clean of animal droppings. The oval, being a public space, needs this attention every Saturday. I would ask all members to be especially careful, while exercising their dogs before and after classes, to leave the oval clean. Unfortunately, the general public are inclined to blame us and complain to Council if they are unhappy about the condition of the oval whether we are responsible or not. We, Narooma Dog Training Club, are only responsible for things that happen at the Nata Oval between the hours of 12.30pm and 5pm on Saturday afternoons.

On Saturday afternoons we are always extremely vigilant to make sure that no person or dog is hurt in any way. One of our rules is that we request handlers to put all dogs on lead by 1.30pm. After you have paid the ground fee and your pooch has said hello to Peter at the Health Check area, we encourage you to take your dog for a short walk round the oval and socialise before classes commence. We also ask all members taking part in agility, who tie their dogs to the fence while helping with equipment, to go back to their dog, untie them and keep them under control while handlers are taking their turn on the agility course. When packing up agility equipment after class, all dogs need to be restrained again. Never tie your dog to the agility trailer! That way we can avoid any accidents.

We, as humans are slowly learning that dogs are far more intelligent than anyone ever thought. No longer are they being used just as watch, working or lap dogs. They have been used by the Police, Customs Search and Rescue and Armed Services for many years. Now Assistance Dogs are being trained to help people who have disabilities such as sight and hearing impairment, physical support, medical and psychiatric disorders. We will in future see many more dogs walking around wearing special jackets to let us know they are working. These dogs are friendly, but unless given permission by their handlers should not be patted by the public. More dogs like this will be seen in hotels, motels, restaurants, and on all forms of public transport - they truly are Man's Best Friend.

NDTC has had record numbers of handlers registering for obedience training in the last couple of months. More than 40 handlers were on the field one particular Saturday afternoon. This is very exciting and encouraging for our volunteer Instructors and we welcome you all!

Yve Robinson
Chief Instructor

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW HANDLERS

Beth & Fudge



Kate & Dusty



Emma and Sky



WHAT ARE HANDLERS DAYS?

Handlers Days are held three times a year. The 2nd Handlers Day for 2018 will be held on September 15th (weather permitting). If it gets cancelled we hold it the following week.

We urge all new members who have not entered such an event before to not worry about whether their dog is “good enough” and just give it a go. You might surprise yourself, win a ribbon or get promoted up a class. If you don’t achieve any of these results don’t worry! You probably just need a bit more time and can always try again at the 3rd Handlers Day in November.

The process for the day is pay your fee as usual, and get a number. Green and Blue Class will be judged as a group. Yellow, Red and Black class handlers will be judged individually. There will not be an Agility Class that day. Depending on how many handlers take part in testing in the higher classes, the judging may run over the hour, so you should be prepared to be on the ground a little longer than usual.

Good luck and enjoy!

RALLY O WINNERS – 18 August 2018

Yellow Class

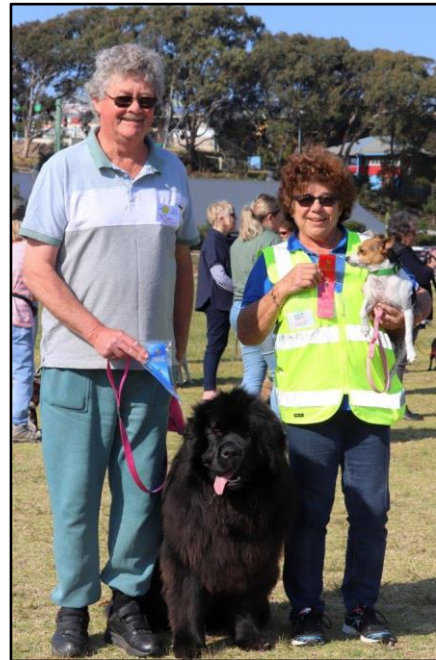
- 1st Bob Meittam and Brianna
- 2nd Carol Low and Trixie
- 3rd Greg Sampson and Ollie (absent from photo)

Red Class

- 1st Chris Dwyer and Beattie
- 2nd Sandy Livingston and Bruce
- 2nd Peter Nelipa and Bobbie
- 3rd Jan Boyce and Jasper

Black Class

- 1st Kathryn McKellar and Suzie Q
- 2nd Valerie McCauley and Shadow



Yellow Class Rally O Winners

Red Class Rally O Winners



A STORY ABOUT BEST FRIENDS

An old cowboy was riding his trusty horse followed by his faithful dog along an unfamiliar road. The cowboy was enjoying the new scenery, when he suddenly remembered dying, and realized the dog beside him had been dead for years, as had his horse. Confused, he wondered what was happening, and where the trail was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall that looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill it was broken by a tall arch topped by a golden letter "H" that glowed in the sunlight. Standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like gold. He rode toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

Parched and tired out by his journey, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

As the gate began to open, the cowboy asked, "Can I bring my partners, too?"

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The cowboy thought for a moment, then turned back to the road and continued riding, his dog trotting by his side. After another long ride, at the top of another hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a ranch gate that looked as if it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me," he called to the man, "Do you have any water?"

"Sure, there's a pump right over there. Help yourself."

"How about my friends here?" the traveller gestured to the dog and his horse.

"Of course! They look thirsty, too," said the man.

The trio went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with buckets beside it. The traveller filled a cup and the buckets with wonderfully cool water and took a long drink, as did his horse and dog. When they were full, he walked back to the man who was still standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveller asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"That's confusing," the traveller said, "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the glitzy, gold street and fake pearly gates? That's hell."

"Doesn't it make you angry when they use your name like that?"

"Not at all; actually, we're happy they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

ANKC TRIAL RESULTS

Congratulations to our handlers who take their dogs to compete in official ANKC trials.

Here are some recent successes:

Sian Hine and Sunny have obtained their Novice Rally title

Jan Boyce and Jasper have obtained their Novice Rally title

Dogs do speak.
But only to those who know how to listen
Orhan Pamuk

MEET THE NDTC PRESIDENT

Steve Genner and his wife Sue live on acreage at Mystery Bay. They have in their charge several animals, including 2 dogs, 1 cat, a horse and sheep. Most of these have been rescued at various times. Steve is semi-retired, and he and Sue work a market garden and sell produce at the Tilba Markets. They are both teachers by profession - Steve belonging to TAFE and Sue was a Librarian. Steve has been President since the inception of the Narooma Dog Training Club Branch in 2016, when it split away from the Eurobodalla Branch. Though you may not see him around the training grounds on Saturdays, he always keeps his eye on our weekly activities. If you would like to meet Steve and the other members of the Executive who keep our organisation running smoothly, our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to get to know them. Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7pm in the Narooma Uniting Church Hall, Wagonga Street. We always have supper and enjoy a chat after each meeting.

MEET THE NDTC SECRETARY

Carol Hellmers is the only member of the AWL Narooma Dog Training Club who does not own a dog! Carol moved to Narooma at the end of 2014 from the Coffs Harbour area, where she was Director of the Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium for ten years. Her professional administrative and organisational skills are highly regarded, especially in the music business. Since taking up residence in Narooma, Carol has presented creative workshops for Bermagui U3A, volunteered for Vinnies, and headed up the team of Artist Care Volunteers for the Four Winds Easter Festival. Carol works part-time for Four Winds and puts in many hours each week as volunteer Secretary for NDTC. It doesn't matter that she does not own a dog herself, as she has plenty of experience handling dogs and enjoys saying hello to lots of them every Saturday.

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2018 CALENDAR

correct as at 1 September 2018

- 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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