

THE WOOFER



NEWSLETTER OF THE
NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to you all, and a very warm welcome to new Handlers and especially their companions.

As you will see in this Newsletter our 2018 Christmas Party was a great success. The weather was kind, everything ran smoothly, and there were no growls or grumbles. Congratulations to the 2018 Trophy Winners from us all. Now we are refreshed after the long break, we can concentrate on having another fulfilling, happy time with our dogs and our friends.

When you register with us, you are given a set of rules that we all try to follow. They are quite important for the wellbeing of you and your dog, so please read them and they will make your stay with us more enjoyable.

We are now well into the swing of training and have held our first Rally Obedience class for the year. This new class is open to all members and is conducted once a month at no extra charge. It runs from 3.30pm to 4.30pm under the capable instruction of Carol Low, so we urge you to take advantage of this new, fun training exercise. There are some photos inside this Newsletter.

Also, on the back of this Newsletter you will find a calendar with dates and venues for training. Occasionally the NATA Oval is used by other organisations. When this happens we hold Obedience training at the Bill Smyth Oval. Unfortunately we can't hold the Agility at Bill Smyth Oval, on safety reasons, as the ground is not totally fenced. During the year we also hold special events that we hope you will come along to, so please keep an eye on the calendar.

Narooma Dog Training Club is totally run by volunteers. We can always find a place for more supporters, so if you feel you would like to help in anyway, please come and speak to either Carol at the sign in table, or any of the Instructors. We hold a monthly meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month, at the Uniting Church Hall, Wagonga Street Narooma, at 7pm. You are most welcome to come along and find out how the NDTC works. We welcome new faces and ideas for improvement, and it is the perfect forum in which to express concerns about any aspect of our operation. We serve a good cup of tea or coffee, and home-made cake which is always tasty, with the added bonus of time to chat and make new friends.

Cheers,
Steve Genner - President



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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 by 1.45pm will enable us to start all classes on time.**

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

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

<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 Rally O Training: 3.30pm – 4.30pm as per the Calendar
<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 2019

Renewals are now due for 2019, Annual registration fees are:

\$40 Adult, \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18 years), \$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. Rally Training – No charge for registered handlers.

FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

Welcome to you all, new and renewing members - so great to see such a lovely variety of dogs, all happy and well cared for. On behalf of all the Instructors and Volunteers of NDTC we do hope you enjoy your stay with us, whether it be long or short. We are here to help you train your dog to whatever level you aspire, so please feel free to ask questions if you don't understand any of our methods or rules.

During the year we not only teach Obedience, but also the disciplines of Agility and Rally Obedience.

Agility - I think is self-explanatory but just in-case you are not sure whether your dog would be able or suitable to take part, here is a short explanation of the sport. Agility started in Europe and is based on horse jumping, with many of the jumps (much smaller of course) the same. Other pieces of equipment were added, such as the A Frame, Dog Walk and Tunnels. Most dogs that take part in this activity are very enthusiastic, from Chihuahua to Labradors and all breeds in-between, have great fun. We do have a few rules of course. Dogs must be over 9 months old, fit and not overweight. Dogs with short muzzles such as pugs, some staffies and boxers are not the best type of animal to take part, as they can and do have breathing problems. Anyone who would like to try out for this activity must have completed the NDTC Green Class. Please check with your Instructor if you would like to participate. We hold three NDTC competitions for Agility and the Country Link Agility competition every year. The scores accumulate and trophies are awarded to the Highest Scoring Competitors.

Rally Obedience – This is open to all who would like to take part, but it is probably best if you have reached Blue Class before trying your hand at this. Each month a course is set up, and an Instructor is in charge to help you and explain the various stations. As with Agility, trophies are awarded at the end of the year.

Obedience – This can be likened to dressage in the horse world. It is the hardest discipline as dogs must be able to work on and off the lead with precision in a number of various exercises. There are several levels to this discipline, and most of the training exercises that NDTC teaches are structured so that if any handler from our top class (Red and Black) who wish to enter official Canine Council Trials will be competent to do so. Within NDTC we hold three Handlers Days a year for all classes, and once again trophies are awarded for the highest scoring handler and dog.

I must stress it is not compulsory to enter any competitions, it is entirely your choice, though of course it does give our Instructors the chance to see how you are progressing and whether you might need a bit of extra help. With all competitions you can talk to your dog and encourage it, but you are not allowed use treats.

Above all we want you and your best friend to enjoy your time with us, as much as we enjoy your company. So enjoy!

Yve Robinson - Chief Instructor

DOG WISDOM

Handle every stressful situation like a dog.
If you can't eat it or play with it, just pee on it and walk away

PROMOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

From Green to Blue Class

Michelle Arneson and Scooby
Nancy Casu and Ben
Paul Smith and Danny
Wayne Perry and Missy
Sandy Livingston and Shiloh



From Blue to Yellow

Michelle Arneson and Scooby again!

Congratulations to all the above, keep up the good work.

TRIAL RESULTS

During February 2019 both the Sapphire Coast Kennel Club and Bega Kennel Club have held Show, Obedience and Rally Obedience dog trials. Some of our handlers from the Red and Black Class entered various levels of Obedience and Rally with mixed success.

Two of them obtained titles.

Jan Boyce and Jasper RN earned their CCD title in Obedience.

Pam Rowley and Rollo CCD earned their Rally Novice title.

Two other members in Carol Low and Lazzie RN, and Nina Balas with Imogen, entered different sections where they gained a great deal of experience. Both are determined to continue trialing. If at once you don't succeed, try, try, try again is the motto.

Congratulations to them all from all of us. They are the first handlers from Narooma Dog Training Club to prove that you can train your dog with kind methods and reach your goal.

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Photos from the first class for Rally O this year – with thanks to Rosy Williams.



GET TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTORS

KATHRYN McKELLAR

OBEDIENCE and AGILITY INSTRUCTOR

Kathryn is a wonderful member and supporter of Narooma Dog Training Club, which she joined in 2013. In these past five years she has achieved an amazing amount with her dog, the fabulous Suzie Q. Kathryn also has an unbelievable attendance record, only missing the occasional Saturday due to ill health. She has won numerous ribbons for both Obedience and Agility, and has a mantelpiece full of club trophies! Kathryn won the Terry Watson Agility Trophy in 2015, 2017 and again in 2018. In 2016 she won the Country Link Agility Trophy. Suzie Q, is speedy and accurate – together they are a joy to watch as they conquer each new agility challenge. We were all delighted when in 2017 Kathryn offered to help instruct both Obedience and Agility for us. She is kind, patient and very well liked by all who participate in her classes. And a very willing helper! Kathryn became an official Instructor in 2018 and now wears the highly visible yellow Instructor's vest. Together with Peter Nelipa, she sets agility exercises and courses, gives personal instruction where required, and is always mindful of the safety of both people and dogs - especially when setting up and packing down the equipment. On special occasions, Kathryn and Suzie Q have featured in demonstration teams, of both Obedience and Agility. These demonstrations to the general public are always admired for their expertise and control, and team members are awarded special rosettes for their commitment. Of course, Suzie Q is not without the occasional lapse - she can sometimes be seen 'escaping to freedom' to visit her friends on the other side of Nata Oval. But she always comes back when Kathryn calls. We look forward to seeing them both at the sign in table each Saturday, as Suzie Q makes her excited presence heard! There is such love between these two – it brings joy to us all.

Kathryn writes: Though I have had many dogs in my life this is the first time I have enrolled in dog obedience training. It has been a terrific experience that I would recommend to all dog owners.

Thank you Kathryn for being an amazing member of the Narooma Dog Training Club.

Kathryn and Suzie Q dressed to impress at the 2018 Dogs Christmas Party

Kathryn and Suzie Q in agility action



MEET JOHN LOW - WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

John Low joined Narooma Dog Training Club to, in his words, “improve my social skills and help my wife Carol Low”. Carol, as most of you know, is one of the Instructors. In his previous years before retirement, John was a Hospital Engineer and worked with intellectually disabled people at Marsden and Rydalmere Hospitals. He and Carol later had a farm property at Richmond where they ran a group home for the intellectually disabled. John loves the Narooma area and considers that joining NDTC is the icing on the cake. His wife also told him he had to, and John always does what is told!

One of John’s jobs as Work, Health and Safety Officer is to inspect the NATA Oval and report any hazards, holes in fences, gate hinges and latches and damage to the Eurobodalla Council. I’m sure you have all noticed the two new benches up near the swimming pool, and the drinking fountain recently installed for both humans and dogs. John also attends Council meetings on our behalf and reports any decisions they have made about changes to Nata Oval at each monthly meeting. He is extremely proud of his title as the Doggie Doo collector, and goes about his duties before training sessions in a thorough and scientific manner. The highlight of John’s work with NDTC so far, is a medal presented to him at the 2018 Christmas Party for being the Champion Doggie Doo Collector.

John is aided in this work by his little dog Trixie, who helps him by sniffing out his subject matter so he now does the job in half the time. In John’s own words “Narooma! How life should be”.



Thanks John for your negotiations with Eurobodalla Shire Council which resulted for the installation of seating and this fabulous drinking water fountain



John proudly sporting his Medal!

PHOTOS FROM THE 2018 DOGS CHRISTMAS PARTY
SPECIAL THANKS TO ROSY WILLIAMS.



Val MacCauley and Shadow



Bobby looking very pleased with himself



The whole family in fancy dress



Words of encouragement always help

Chris and Jan with their beloved Beattie





Weaving challenges ...
Just one of the
games that were played



President Steve Genner with
Yve Robinson, Chief Instructor



Some of the participants
Some of the crowd!



A jumping game ...
but not too high!

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2019 CALENDAR
CORRECT AS AT 1 MARCH 2019 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

March 2	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
March 9	Obedience, Agility
March 15	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
March 16	Obedience, <u>1ST RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes), Agility
March 30	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
April 6	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
April 13	Obedience, Agility
April 19	Ordinary Meeting TBC - GOOD FRIDAY!!
April 20	EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO CLASSES
April 27	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
May 4	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
May 11	FAMILY FUN DAY
May 17	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
May 18	Obedience, <u>1ST AGILITY COMPETITION</u> and <u>COUNTRY LINK</u>
May 25	Obedience, Rally O Training - BILL SMYTHE OVAL
June 1	New Registrations , Obedience, <u>2ND RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes), Agility
June 8	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO CLASSES
June 14	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
June 15	Obedience, Agility
June 22	<u>1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY</u>
June 29	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training
July	HALF YEAR REGISTRATION FEES BEGIN
July 6	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
July 13	Obedience, Agility
July 19	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
July 20	Obedience, <u>2ND AGILITY COMPETITION</u> and <u>COUNTRY LINK</u>
July 26	Friday 7pm, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Narooma Golf Club
July 27	Obedience, Agility, Rally O Training – POSSIBLE BILL SMYTHE OVAL
August 3	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
August 10	Obedience, Agility
August 16	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
August 17	Obedience, Agility, <u>3RD RALLY O</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
August 24	Obedience, Agility
August 31	Obedience, Agility

TO BE CONTINUED ...

DOG JOKE

A dog walked into a job centre.

‘Wow, a talking dog’ says the clerk ‘with your talent I’m sure we can find you a place in a circus’.
‘The circus?’ says the dog ‘what does a circus want with a plumber?’