



Newcastle All Breeds
Dog Training Club
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CHIEF INSTRUCTORS MESSAGE

60th ANNIVERSARY - TRAINING 1980 to 2022

I joined the club in June 1980. The Club operated out of a small tin shed. Check Chains were used to train your dog and they were compulsory. The dog was put into the 'Sit' position by pulling up on the Lead and check chain. The 'Down' was performed by placing the left hand on the check chain, short up to the dog's neck and with a stiff left arm pushing downwards to take the dog down to the ground. One of the few exercises we used food for was the 'Recall' when food was given to the dog if he came into you and sat 'straight in front'.

INTRODUCTION OF MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING.

This type of training was introduced to our Club training program in July 2003 as an optional course of eight weeks with no more than eight dogs in the class and using food to motivate the dog. It is the method of training then and still is recommended by Vets, RSPCA and Dogs NSW. We run at least four of these Motivational Training Courses every month and after the handlers finish their eight weeks they are promoted to Upper Green Class. The Motivational Training Course runs each Sunday beside our conventional training classes. At this time methods were also modified in normal classes with soft collars or head halters

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recommended. This meant that the handler had a choice other than check chains.

INTRODUCTION OF THE C.C.D. RING.

In 2005 Dogs NSW introduced the Community Companion Dog Ring (C.C.D.) into trialling and all of our Upper Classes had to be revised to cater for this. Advanced Training Class was introduced at the same time to give our advanced trailers some help in advanced training.

RALLY

Rally was introduced by Dogs NSW in January 2012 & our club introduced this type of training three months later for our four Upper Classes. It has become very popular and our club runs Rally Trials each year.

TRAINING TODAY

Today very few handlers use check chains and many use soft collars, head halters, martingales etc. The 'Sit' is performed by hands on, folding the dog into the sit position and the same for the 'Down'. Or Motivational Classes – food is used to teach the dogs these basic exercises, then used as an Intermittent Reward, then the dog is rewarded only for a good performance, and it works wonders.

INSTRUCTORS

Our club has thirty instructors and all of them are very knowledgeable and dedicated to helping our handlers get their dogs trained and assist with their canine problems.

All of our club instructors are better trained now than 40 years ago. They are given much more information and during their Instructors Course, learn both conventional and motivational ways of training as well as dog behavioural problems. Our club conducts an Instructors Course almost every twelve months and we are always on the lookout for new instructors to help reduce the size of our large classes. This instructor's course has become very important since COVID has reduced our instructor numbers.

HANDLERS

Handlers' attitudes have changed over the years and mostly you don't see the dedication to have a top performing dog as it was back in 1980. We

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had the advantage of taking our dogs to many Demonstrations, at Fetes, Schools, Shopping Centres, Mattara Festival, Television Studios, Church Groups and many others and this taught our dogs that they must be obedient, regardless of where you take them.

RUSSELL WHITTON, CHIEF INSTRUCTOR (below)



COVID has certainly slowed our progress down over the last couple of years as we have lost many of our handlers and instructors but hopefully this will improve in time and we will be back to being one of the biggest and most successful dog training clubs in the state once more. Thanks for our success are due to our hardworking committee and instructors for their dedicated efforts over the past 60 years.

BARBARA WHITTON - LIFE MEMBER (below)



THOUGHTS FROM LONG TERM MEMBERS

OUR CLUB – 60 YEARS

We have certainly changed and grown over the past 60 years – going from a tin shed as our clubhouse to the splendid one that we have today. Now, not only do we offer Dog Obedience training we have added Agility, Rally to our basic obedience and they are also included in our Club Trials held throughout the year. We have also included Motivational Training added to our normal training – this is using food to teach the dog the exercises and this method is becoming very popular.

OUR 60TH - LYNDY PAYNE VICE PRESIDENT

I first joined NABDTC with my first amazing Weimaraner, Georgia in 1978 or 79. The first Ground Rule back then was "All dogs on training ground MUST be immunised against distemper." We managed to reach Blue Class before she had her litter of 5 pups, whose dad was the youngest Australian Champion Weimaraner, Remus and a fellow class member in 1980. Sadly, Remus

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caught Parvovirus in 1981, long before many dog owners knew how lethal this virus was.

We moved to the Upper Hunter with a toddler and new bub on the way, and in 2010, finally moved back to Lake Macquarie and my family gave me the most beautiful, tiny Weimaraner pup, Abbie who was so different in personality and behaviour to my others. She demanded attention in so many naughty ways and I felt I needed lots of help. I called a number in Yellow Pages and spoke to Barbara. I could hardly wait for Abbie to be fully vaccinated and 16 weeks old to begin using a method of training called Motivational, which opened up a whole new world for both of us. On arrival, I could not believe the changes from the little tin shed or the extensive grounds or the number of members I saw, but I did recognise a couple of faces from the past.

To my surprise, I was asked to train to be an Instructor and have been attending almost every Sunday since then, even though Abbie has not been able to come with me for over 5 years now. I love helping people train their dog to become the best team that they can and be well socialised. It is wonderful that many have remained with us and have become great Instructors and/or successful dog sport competitors.

COVID has been a big challenge for our Club to continue to help the community from near and far but especially people who decided during lockdown, that it was time to get a dog, sometimes their first ever. We had lots of rules handed down to us to follow from the Government and Dogs NSW and many were not well received by members or the public.

I would like to thank so many of our Instructors who could help and Members for hanging in there through the changes we had to implement.

I would also like to thank the Committee, especially those who kept us abreast of the various restrictions imposed during this time and enabled us to continue dog training in whatever safe format possible. It's amazing to see so many new Members arrive each month and many who have returned with their latest dog. We must be doing something right!



Lynda Payne with the State Member for Charlestown Jodie Harrison, NABDTC Christmas Fun Day December 2019.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YEARS GONE?

60 years, what a great achievement! When I joined the Club in March 1978 to train my very naughty Labrador pup, Boofy, I never thought that The Club would become so popular and grow to the capacity it is today.

As a Club Instructor, my greatest joy is to see both handler and dog learn to work as a team. It keeps us Instructors coming back every Sunday to volunteer.

Congratulations NABDTC, keep it up. Great work!!

ROBYN YATES LIFE MEMBER (below)



Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 2nd August 7.30pm
Clubhouse**

- Nomination forms are available in the Instructors Shed, Canteen or from the Club Secretary
- Nomination forms must be received by 12 pm Sunday 31st July 2022
- Nomination forms to be handed to Club Secretary.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on November 21st 2021 are posted on the clubhouse board. Electronic copies are available from the Club Secretary.

See section on COMMITTEE ROLES and job descriptions in this issue.

All members are welcome

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COMMITTEE ROLES - A BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION

PRESIDENT should:

- provides leadership to colleagues elected to the Committee
- seek personal assistance from each officer in specialised administrative functions and generally satisfy themselves as to the effectiveness of each person in the performance of their respective roles.
- verify the Statements of Account presented at each meeting match the Statements issued by the Banking institutions.
- Have an administrative and ceremonial role at Club Trials and NABDTC Handler Day Presentations
- Attend as many Instructors meetings as possible
- liaise with the Chief Instructor and instructors about policy issues
- be called upon to assist the Chief Instructor in the adjudication or mediation of minor disputes arising in the course of normal training activities.

VICE PRESIDENT should:

- Deputize and fulfill any duties of the President when they are not present eg chair committee or general meetings, ensure training days are running safely and well
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- Support committee members/ office bearers in undertaking their roles during canine activities, especially if they not available at any time for Club matters.
- Support the Welcome Table (first Sunday monthly) to help process new Membership Applications
- Generally, fill in where needed to help other Committee Office Bearers fulfil their duties,

SECRETARY

- Maintains a current record of the composition and membership of the NABDTC committee
- Prepares and distributes meeting agendas and meeting papers prior to any meetings
- Maintains a record of attendees at a committee or general meeting.
- Records and distributes minutes of all proceedings of a committee or general meetings
- Maintains a record of correspondence to/ from NABDTC and draft correspondence replies as directed by the Committee
- Provides oversight and editorial control of NABDTC publication (other than the monthly newsletter known as the Corner Post)
- Ensures meeting minutes must be signed by the President/ Chair, once ratified, at the next succeeding meeting.
- Maintains the NABDTC archives (records)

REGISTRAR

- Establish and maintain a register of members which includes name, address, joining date and membership type
- The register of members is kept at the NABDTC Clubhouse in both hard and soft copy. Hard copy - properly receipted application forms. Soft copy - established and maintained in electronic form.

TREASURER

Ensure that

- all money due to the association is collected and properly receipted, including issue of documented copies of receipts to other officers collecting cash on their behalf.
- all payments authorised by the Club are made by the Treasurer at or before the due date.
- Maintains custody of the Cheque Book and Deposit Book
- as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.
- reads all Accounts for Payment at each monthly meeting and seeks authorisation from the meeting for those payments.

- presents a fully detailed income and expenditure statement at each monthly meeting and seeks payment authorisation from the Committee
- ensure that NABDTC financial records are audited annually prior to the AGM to ensure Dogs NSW affiliation requirements are met and NSW Fair trading requirements are met

TRIAL SECRETARY

- Convenes the Trial Subcommittee. The President may sit on this subcommittee.
- Corresponds with Dogs NSW in relation to Club trials run under Dogs NSW rules.
- Undertakes selection and contracting of Judges, lodgement of Draft Schedules, publication of event advertisements and results notices and in Dogs NSW publications.
- Maintain stocks of official Dogs NSW stationery for Trials (eg Judges Contracts, Score Cards and Qualifying Certificates for all relevant levant competition levels for Obedience, Agility, Rally, RATG and Scentwork
- Maintain stocks of ribbons and sashes
- The Club currently runs two Obedience Trials, two Agility /Jumping trials and a Tracking Trial each year under Dogs NSW rules.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you do not have a GREEN name badge, your membership is due for renewal.

- Complete your renewal form (copies available at the club house)
- (Don't forget to include your membership number – on the back of your badge)
- Include a COPY of your dog's CURRENT vaccination certificate
- Include payment (CASH ONLY)
- Leave it with the registrar

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- Collect your new name badges the following Sunday.
- Registration Renewals accepted until 26th June 2022
- **You will need to be wearing a GREEN name badge to attend classes from 3rd July 2022**

EQUIPMENT STORE

The Equipment Store has a range of items (subject to availability) which are reasonably priced. Items include:

- Leads, tracking leads and double ended leads
- Collars and martingales
- Dumbbells – range of sizes
- Articles (for scent discrimination)
- Gentle leaders (halter style)
- Treat bags – Several colours (pink, purple, red and grey), three compartments (one with a zip – good for keys) The bags are comfy, sit flat against your body and are a bargain at \$20.



Please see our Equipment Officer Giselle at the club house before training. Please note – no equipment is sold on Beginners Day – just too busy with all the new starters!

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CANTEEN NOW OPEN

With our canteen now operating, tea, coffee and soft drinks are available and much more including pies, sausage rolls.

GROUND FEES

You can now pay your ground fees (\$4) at the window of the club house building (follow the signs) and collect your tickets for class

PROMOTIONS MAY 2022

UPPER GREEN TO LOWER RED CLASS

Sockie Norris & Winkie
Liz Cunningham & Phoebe
Janene O'Connor & Snozzel
Cas Martin & Gizmo
Karan Main & Pepper
Kim Turnbull & Winnie

LOWER RED TO UPPER RED CLASS

Sarah McDonnell & Cosmo
Emma Keith & Pepper
Halina & Archie
Vince Blanch & George

UPPER RED TO BLUE CLASS

Adrienne Miles & Smokey
Brad Holder & Chill
Tony Blanch & Zen



"From the gentleman at the bar."

CALENDAR

July - August 2022

JULY 2022	
Sun 3rd	Beginners start
Tues 5th	Committee meeting
Sun 10 th	Handlers Day LR, UR & B
Sat 16th	Working Bee 8.30am start
Sun 17 th	Handlers Day Y, MT, LG & UG
Sun 17 th	<p>Our 60th Birthday celebration!</p> <p>Our Diamond Jubilee</p> <p>All classes start at 10am</p>  <p>We are having cake at 11.15am</p>
Sun 24 th	Promotion Presentations between Session 1 & 2
31 st	Promotions
AUGUST 2022	
Tues 2nd	AGM – date TBC
Sun 7th	Beginners
Sat/ Sun	AGILITY TRIALS 13 th & 14 th August
Sun 21st	Instructor meeting 11.15am
Sun 28th	Promotions
BOARD DUTIES	
July	Lynda
August	Russell



The NABDTC instructors in 2012 at our 50th . All instructors are welcome to come for another memorable photo event at our 60th birthday celebration