



TEVRA TIMES – June 2016

FROM THE BOSS

Well we are really into winter now which brings with it wet, muddy dogs who have had a lack of exercise and subsequently behaviour issues. Please be aware of this when you are getting annoyed with the behaviour changes.

A very busy show season has finally come to an end with only one more weekend of shows before the end of August. This means that weekend training will be back into full swing over the next two months so no more time off!

As you will see further in the newsletter we have had a change of venue for the winter months which will avoid wet muddy grounds especially for Gail with her Rally signs.

We now have Nicky and Kevin Roughton along with Kim Lindsay administering our Facebook page and our website is receiving a revamp so please keep us up to date with anything you may wish to add to the Facebook page. Really appreciate the help of these members.

The past few months have seen a number of our members achieve good results with their dogs with several moving up into higher grades. Personally I was thrilled to achieve Obedience Champion status with my Sheltie Wispa. Even though I have now made up 8 champions it is still always such a thrill. Last weekend at the Nelson shows I decided to give Rally a go with Wispa, and although he qualified Rally Novice, it *did* make me realise how much thinking the handler has to be able to do when you are out there in the ring with around 15 different signs all telling you which way to go and at the same time you are being timed!



*Ch & Ob Ch Alclutha
Dragon'sDen (Imp Aust) CDX
Gold, CGC Gold, RN*

Congratulations to Janine Johnson who at this show got Top Dog in Rally for the weekend. Out of a possible 600 points, she only lost 3 and was placed 1st 6 times. Well done Janine and Ruby.

Congratulations also to Gail Hamling and Jade who achieved their RAE4 title at the Nelson Show. We believe she is only the second person in NZ to do this.

Take care and keep warm in the months ahead

Janice Kirk
Owner/Director

SUE BOAG

It was with great sadness that our great friend and fellow dog trainer Sue Boag passed away on 10th May after a very short illness. Sue was not only a dedicated dog trainer initially with her Labrador cross Mac and then more recently her lovely little sheltie Jinty but also an enthusiastic and very efficient member of several committees.

We will miss you Sue, but we can assure you that Marie will always have our care and support.



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**IMPORTANT RE TRAINING AT MAIREHAU HIGH SCHOOL.**

Please take your full poo bags home and not put in the rubbish bins around the school.

All parking is to be on the basketball court which is ahead and to the left as you go in the Innes Road entrance.

Use the designated toilets only. Key to be obtained from Gail or Janice.

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CANCELLATIONS

Please please please check your emails regularly for any cancellations. Don't just assume that training will be on. I need to make the call first thing in the morning and sometimes the weather does clear but by then it is too late to change so for the sake of checking it may save you a wasted trip. The weather pattern at Ouruhia Domain is often quite different to both Christchurch and North Canterbury so please don't assume that because it is raining in your part of town that it is also raining at Ouruhia. Leithfield seems to have a weather pattern all of its own.

Also can you please ensure that you have given me the email address you can and do access in weekends?

It would also help if you would please acknowledge that you have received the notification.

Gail will contact the Rally people by text. **Please be sure to acknowledge her text.**

Janice

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## CLASS PAYMENTS

As the classes are growing so fast it is becoming quite a nightmare keeping track of the class payments so where possible I will mark off the payments at the start of the class, as I often become too busy talking to someone as the class ends and then just collect the payments without writing them down. So if you could be sure to pay me before your class actually starts that would be very helpful.

## DIRECT CREDIT PAYMENTS

While it is always much easier for you to make payment by direct credit it can become a bit of a headache for your instructors. **Direct Credit payments are to be made on the day of training** as it is becoming increasingly difficult chasing up non-payments not made - usually for genuine reasons.

It would be very much appreciated if you could please note the two bank account details:

Tevra Agility, Tevra Companion Certificate (Saturday only) : 03 1585 0102954 025

All other payments including purchases: 02 0852 0002778 00

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COMPETITIVE TRAINING INFORMATION

Well done to all of you who have achieved such great results over the past few months. As I already said in my "Bosses" report the shows have now slowed down so a good time to give your dog a break before the very busy Spring season coming up with almost all weekends from late August until late November taken up with dog events of various kinds.

Wednesday training has now finished until 3rd August. Fridays will continue from Leithfield and the group training will be held on Saturdays at 9.00 am from Mairehau High School.

Happy training
Janice

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## AGILITY CLASS

Classes are going well with one class on a Saturday morning 10.30 am now at Mairehau High School with another class on a Sunday morning 10am at Leithfield.

Reminder; Could you let me know if you are not coming please. Mobile: 027 563 4500

Anyone interested in joining please let us know there are spaces to be filled. The dogs really love it but they must be 12 months of age at least.

There will be no Agility on Saturday the 18th of June for Agility only.

Remember we are training from Mairehau High School which is better for winter training. We will try to get on the grass where possible.

Training will be on the following dates unless you are told otherwise.

11th 25th June  
9th 16th 23rd and 30th July  
6th 13th and 20th August

*Colin*



### TEVRA COMPANION CERTIFICATE CLASS



*Food Manners Test*

Congratulations to Coral with Kiara & Jennifer with Bobby in the Saturday classes and to Richard with Ruger, Bevan with Magnus, Craig with Teddy, Annie with Stella, Rochelle with Trixie, Jan with Astro, Sophie with Molly and Barbara with Asha from the Sunday class who have all passed their Tevra Canine Certificate. These certificates take a great deal of work so well done to you all. Most of these people have gone on to do CGC, Rally or Agility so it is great to keep them with us. A reminder to please contact me on 027 563 4500 if you are unable to make the class. We will contact you for a wet weather cancellation.

Saturday classes for those who have already started their certificate class will continue at 11.00 with a new class starting shortly at 9.45 am

Our Sunday certificate classes are held at 10.00 am with me taking the more advanced group and Janice being involved with the new certificate class. These classes are working very well with each handler working at their own pace.

*Barbara*



## RALLY-O



Yes, it's true!! The Boss has finally come to the Dark Side!! She and Wispa entered at Nelson and managed to qualify in all three shows!!

As you will have seen above, Janine Johnson and Ruby had an exceptional Rally weekend resulting in the Top Dog Award – congratulations Janine!!

I am very pleased that Jade and I managed to gain another level to the RAE title and are now RAE4 – Jade was on fire and worked beautifully.

Domestic classes are being held on the tennis courts at Mairehau High School for the winter months. Please be careful driving into the school grounds, as the buildings are quite close together. There will be no facility for poo disposal so please ensure you take it home with you.

*Gail*

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CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)



Congratulations to Jan Haley with Weitski who passed her bronze and also with Tobasco foundation at assessment held conjunction Training Club



Candice & Tobasco



Jan & Weitski

foundation to Candace who passed our recent in with Selwyn in mid-May.



Street Walk

These classes are held on Saturday morning at 9.15 am from Mairehau High School, Sunday morning at 9.30 am from Leithfield and Thursday at 10.00 am from several different locations around Christchurch and North Canterbury.

Many thanks to Steve for helping out with this class and also for being there at assessments when I am not able to be.

If you wish to know more about CGC go to the NZKC website www.nzkc.org.nz scroll down the right hand side of the page until you see the icon to click onto. This will take you all the way through it explaining the different levels.



PET DOG MANNERS CLASSES

These classes are moving along really nicely at the present with most of you attending on a regular basis albeit that the weather has interrupted a few of the sessions just recently. It is great to see the friendships which develop within these classes. To us at Tevra this is what it is all about along with of course some good solid work with your dog.

As you will have read elsewhere in the newsletter all Saturday training will now be held on the tennis courts at Mairehau High School on Innes Rd. The times will remain the same as at present.

With the weather becoming more unpredictable it is even more important that you check your emails before you come to training. Last Saturday (28th) was a classic example of day starting out foul and as soon as I had cancelled the sun came out and it was a beautiful day but once I have cancelled I do not change it as it becomes too messy.

Please always let me know if you are not coming to training so that I know who to contact if we find we have to cancel when we are already down there and also because I plan the classes around who are going to be present.

Janice



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TRAINING SEMINAR

In conjunction with the North Canterbury Dog Training Club we are in the process of organising a seminar with Brent and Cat Dry from The K9 Company in Melbourne. A small group of us recently attended a seminar in Wellington with Forest Micke at which Brent and Cat presented some very interesting ideas on working with our dogs through play and motivation as well as dealing with behavioural issues. I was very impressed with their presentation and skills in getting their ideas across. This seminar will be ideal for handlers from all disciplines as well as our domestic handlers so please keep aside the weekend of the 19th / 20th November and watch this space.

LISTEN WITH YOUR EYES

People who talk a lot listen with their ears. The ways dogs talk require us to use our eyes to hear them. However, our eyes disengage if you constantly use your mouth. All of our sounds become "blah, blah, blah" to our non-verbal friends.

If you find that you are talkative person try videoing yourself when you are training your dog. By simply videoing, you will be able to look in on your training session like a training friend. It will give you a chance to watch your dog's body language and see if all is as you think it is.

Play with your dog. Video it. Does your dog enjoy the game as much as you think? Or in moments where you feel compelled to talk, bite your tongue, and rather watch. Watch the weight balance of your dog, and what their balance is in relation to. And watch their body language.

People who talk a lot are often blind to body language. This exercise will teach you to start listening with your eyes and then you can know what your dog is really feeling, not just what you think he 'should' be feeling!
