



TEVRA TIMES - FEBRUARY 2010

FROM THE BOSS!

Here we are again into the thick of it all with competitions on most weeks, certificate classes being assessed, our new flyball class taking off, rally becoming the dog sport of the moment and our members also competing with success in agility.

Although we are only about a month into it there have been many successes from our members. Joanne Wilson with Briar is now in the big Test C league, Anne Readman and Laddie won their first Novice last weekend, Anne Morgan finally got her act (or mouth) together and managed to keep up with Liam to gain their CDX Silver as you will read further in the newsletter. As most of you know Liam is the face of Tevra and will be 13 in March and came out of 6 years retirement to gain this. Now the pair of them are going to tackle CDX Gold in March. Also to gain CDX Silver were Carol Lavery and Bracken, Marilyn Hengst and Bailey & Jo Wakefield with Eli. Jean Borthwick & Kassi, Carol Lavery & Bracken and Margaret Van Oosten & Banjo now only have one Test B win to gain before they too are in the Test C league.

It's also good to see our new boy on the block, Craig Moore with Stella, performing well in Special Beginners with a win last week at Timaru. Well done Craig. There are a few rough edges to iron out but I'm sure with Craig's dedication (put mildly) they will be a great team.

I would also like to mention one of our overseas members, Carol Moeser from Sydney, who has one of our puppies Tallan. This dog has not been easy to work with due to his reactive nature but Carol has worked very hard on him and last weekend she entered him in two trials and gained a pass in both along with a 2nd placing. As you know the Australian system is quite different to ours so well done Carol. Looking forward to catching up with you in March when I am over there.

On the Rally scene Gail Hamling travelled down to Invercargill with a team of 5 dogs and came back with qualifications for four of them as well as a pass for the 5th dog. She also cleaned up on the Saturday taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing and then again winning on the Sunday with Robbie. Well done Gail you put our Tevra Rally training program on a good level.

With each newsletter issue I am going to give out an award of one free training session to the person/dog who I think has made the most progress over the previous month, or for some other reason deserves recognition and this time I would like to award this to Susan Cosgrove and her (not easy) Golden Retriever, Hunter. Their progress has been amazing from when we first worked with this totally disinterested, rather arrogant dog, to Susan winning novice at our Tevra Trial. All this has been achieved with a young baby and house shifting so, come on the rest of you who always have an excuse of no time. Well done Susan!

FROM THE BOSS CONTINUED!

I am sure that I will have missed someone in this report so please forgive me if I have missed you. So many of you are doing really well, that it is hard to keep up with it at times.

Just in closing, we are in the process of updating our website so sometime soon you will be able to view our latest additions to it. Alastair has also assured me that he will keep the results and newsletters all up to date from now on.

Carol and I have written an article further in the newsletter that I would like all of the competitive people to read and to absorb please!!!!!!!

Regards
Janice

“SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS”

Commencing Friday evening 26th February Alastair will be running a four week course for those of you who have dogs that may need more socialisation in a controlled situation, or who may have a dog that is getting too much for you. This class is designed as a “tough love” class for those who really want to get strong/stroppy dogs under control.



The class will be at Ouruhia Domain 7pm on the following dates:
February 26th, March 5th, 12th, 26th

The cost will be \$80.00 reduced to \$50.00 for those who are attending classes on a regular basis. Contact Janice if you want to enroll in this class. In the event of wet weather, or you being unavailable for one session, there will be a catch up session.



WET WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Please remember to check your emails for cancellation notices in cases of inclement weather. Notices will be emailed out by 7.30am for Wednesday classes & 8am for Saturday classes. If you require to receive your cancellation via a different means, please let your instructor know. Also, if you cannot make your class or lesson time, PLEASE let your instructor know, there's nothing worse than waiting around for someone who doesn't turn up.



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



ALL CLASSES – Change of venue for Saturday 27th February (as Air NZ are having a picnic at Ouruhia)
Training will be at Christchurch Dog Training Club (just south of Ouruhia Domain on the opposite side of Marshland Road)

ELEMENTARY & INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

Classes are going well although a couple of people have not come back since Christmas, but will return soon. I am very pleased with the improvement shown by some handlers & their dogs, it is so gratifying to know you are putting the work in.

I know some people say “**But he does it perfectly at home,**” ask Janice, I used to say that also, and it was the truth. If they do it perfectly at home, take them to a few parks & make them do it with distractions and not just the comfort of home. Even while walking there are exercises you could be doing.

I hope you have all read Gretchen’s experience with Mani and Toxic Algal Bloom. Please be very careful what & where you allow your dogs to drink.

Class changes - As of April 8th the Friday night Elementary class will be held at Clarkville Hall on a Thursday at 6.30pm. Otherwise, the alternative is Saturday morning at 10am. The Friday night Intermediate Class will be Saturday mornings at 11am from April 10th.

27th March - all the Elementary people who are ready will be assessed and hopefully will be in the Intermediate class the following week. I am hoping my Intermediate people will also be ready for assessment that day so I can pass you all back to Janice and the Advanced Class. The assessor will be Carol, some of you may know her, and she demands a high standard, so get training.

Barbara

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE CLASS

As most of my Advanced handlers have now passed their certificates and moved on to either Agility, Rally O, Flyball or just plain gardening on a Saturday, this class will now be from 11.30am – 12.00pm on a Saturday. Please note that there is **no training again this week (20th)** as I will be away at a show again. There will also be **no training on March 20th** as I will be in Australia trying to knock some of those Aussies into shape. If you are not going to make this class please could you email me prior to the Saturday.

Once the new Advanced handlers arrive into this class it will run from 11.00 – 11.45 for the new ones and from 11.30 – 12.00 for the more senior Advanced, with all the stays being held at 11.30am.

Janice



RALLY - 0



Invercargill - My trip to Invercargill representing Tevra Rally was a big success (as most of you already know!) What hasn't been broadcast is that we nearly didn't make it!! After a reasonable trip down, my dear old van got decidedly upset with I asked her to go up the hills heading into Dunedin. After charging up the hills at a flying 35kph!! and gasping for breath at the top, the downward ride was spent getting up speed to help get up the next one!! I was glad my AA membership was paid up just in case – though mobile reception could have been a problem.

However we (Robbie, Jade, Chino, Amy, Tussle and I) made it to Nicky Rutherford's lovely house in Mosgiel and we spent a relaxing evening with a couple of glasses of OJ – honest! The following morning we wandered, via Gore, to Invercargill to stay with Jean and Ross McClymont who made us very welcome. The weather was fantastic though it did get a little windy. Jean McClymont, Lyn Clearwater, Jo Miller and the rest of the team did an amazing job of organising the triple Rally, which ran very smoothly and was a whole lot of fun. Being a triple show, with these dedicated people judging, a few of us were able to Novice qualify our dogs that weekend. Southland is very active in Rally and had some people who were running the Advanced course, which was interesting to watch, to see what is ahead!

On the Saturday night I was still floating after a brilliant day with my guys (and Tussle) when 12 of us went out to the Invercargill Workingmen's Club and had a lovely meal and social evening. Sunday was bright and clear for the final show and by lunchtime we were finished and cleared away. We headed back to Nicky's home in Dunedin for a minor (?) celebration of a very successful weekend. I was a little concerned as to how my old girl would cope with the trip home the next day, but fortunately she made it with no problems!! All in all, it was a great weekend and wonderful to meet and share with so many Rally enthusiasts.

Tevra Rally Comp - Despite some hiccups at the end (my apologies to those affected!), it was a very successful event. Cynthia and Yolanda gained their final qualifying round for their Rally Novice title – congratulations guys!! Anne and Gem were well placed in 3rd position in Novice B on 100 points, gaining their second qualifying round towards the title.

Hope, Jan and Annabelle did fantastic jobs getting the competitors into the ring, keeping track of the scores and timing the rounds. Cynthia's artistic talents were very much appreciated when she filled out the certificates, making them quite special. Barbara Broadhurst did a wonderful impression of a sheepdog seeking out missing competitors and heading them back to the ring!! My thanks to you all for your hard work and patience!! Also a big thank you to the ladies who worked to organise the After Match Function – it was very welcome!! This was the first of what we intend to be a series of such events, and as we get more experienced things will (hopefully) run a little smoother!!

Holidays - There will be **no training on Saturday 27th Feb, 6th and 13th March** as I'll be away in Brisbane (big aaaaaaah!). However, I know you'll all keep up with the practicing!!

Rally Beginners Course - There will be a Beginner's Course starting in March – anyone interested please contact me on (03) 313 6267 or ravencoat@clear.net.nz. The minimum requirements to take part in Rally are reasonable walking on lead, sit and down on command, which of course you can all do from your Companion classes!

More details will be out later.

Gail



A three-week course for beginners in this wonderful, fun sport learning the basics before joining one of our popular, regular groups.

For more information please contact Gail at (03) 313 6267 or ravencoat@clear.net.nz



Gail with her awesome team of Rally-O dogs, Robbie, Chino, Jade & Tussle

TEVRA TROPHIES



Hi Everyone, by now I guess you all know I am the keeper of the Tevra Cups and Trophy's. Anyway, just a wee note to any of you that may be interested in donating a cup or trophy, as a nice way of remembering a treasured dog, friend, or event. You can name your trophy & decide what it will be awarded for.

I have been thinking of donating one in Diesel's name as *The Best* "Lights On, No One Home Cup".

Anyway give it a thought. Thanks, Anne.



COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES

Firstly, please note that there will be **no training on Wednesday 17th March** as I will be in Australia.

I have booked Clarkville Hall (Heywards Road, Clarkville) on Thursday's for training from 4pm onwards. This commences on Thursday 8th April. As spaces are limited for competitive obedience, please book a time with me ASAP if interested. Normal training fees apply.

For those planning on heading North to the 2010 Taupo NDTA (Labour Weekend), you may want to book your accommodation now, as there are various events on in Taupo that weekend so vacancies may be limited.

Wednesday members, please remember to bring your own cup with you if you are going to join in on our morning tea.

COMPETITIVE TRAINING TIPS

(Written by Janice and Carol)

A successful handler.....

- Stays completely focused on their dog & the task at hand, regardless of what else is happening around them. Focus is not just watching your dog, it is watching and seeing at the same time. Focus doesn't happen just inside the ring, but when you are warming up & at the completion of an exercise. After a good effort by your dog, reward accordingly (whether it be by play, &/or praise &/or food) Don't get sidetracked into making the reward an after thought. Give your dog back the amount of focus that you ask of it.
- Is prepared to either correct or praise the dog in the ring and not only in training. It is not this show that matters it is future shows and as they say "no pain no gain". How many handlers hang on in because they are either hoping that they may just get a place or even win (even though the marks may not be great) or because they do not feel comfortable correcting or praising their dogs under a judge? Although we are not judges we are sure that they must find it rather frustrating judging dogs that need to be corrected or praised. How many of you would think to praise your dog when it is working well in the ring? A correction does not involve ripping the dogs head off but if you have done your homework it should just be a reminder of what you require.
- Does not go around listening to everybody else's opinion and then trying 7 different methods at once. We are both more than happy to listen to other ideas you may hear but please run it past us first.
- Does not try something for a short time and then, to use a cliché, say "it did not work". A changed behaviour can take up to 6 months to cement.
- Will find a solution to a problem & then continue to train the solution instead of always working the final behaviour. Don't be embarrassed to train the basics or go back a step or two to ensure the initial foundation of a complex exercise is fully understood. An example of this is practicing presents, to ensure when the dog is required to come in from a difficult angle in the ring, it can perform the exercise well, without any commands or body movement.
- Monitors the dog's behaviour at home, on the walk, among other dogs or people. Remembering that dogs are simple creatures only confused by humans, so if you call your dog twice at times outside the ring, how does it know that only one call is wanted by you in the ring. How many times do we hear "Fido, Fidooo, Fidoooooooo" or when setting your dog up "heel, heeeel, heeeeeeeel"
- Ensures that the dog is both physically & mentally fit for the job asked of it.
- Thinks about why something didn't work, or why the dog made a mistake & doesn't just blame outside influences. In many cases mistakes are made because we, as handlers, have not been consistent in our training or we have not proofed an exercise enough that the dog will ignore distractions that can occur ringside.

LIAM'S LATEST NEWS



Hi Everyone,

Well my Mum decided that as I kept Anne on the hop last time I stayed with her that it would be good for her and me to keep our brains moving and do CDX Silver again. I say again because we have already had a go at the N.D.T.A where I led Anne into this false sense of security and decided to play a trick on Anne and bring her back a decoy in the sent. I thought this was a great game but Anne doesn't get my jokes. Anyhow we all talked and decided to have another go at Timaru where much to Anne and Mummy's delight I gained my CDX Silver. Well after all that hard work on my part (I mean I did have to train Anne) you would think they would let old dogs sleep, but no. You guessed it, I am going to have a go at CDX Gold now! Anne has told me she is up for the challenge (ha ha) and wants to get it very much. At this point I must say she does bring me the best tidbit's and I am a little fond of her (haven't had to tell her off yet) We are going to give it a go at the C.C.O.C champ Show in three weeks time. If we achieve it, it will be very special as it will be my thirteen birthday. I however, haven't made up my mind whether or not to co-operate. You will all have to wait and see.

Cheers Liam



TEVRA EVENTS

Our Tevra Trial in January was VERY successful with 50 dogs entered in the obedience. The first sanctioned Rally-O competition went off without a hitch (well, maybe a slight one at the end). Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help these events run as well as they did.

It looks like my camera, which I was hoping was picked up mistakenly, was stolen off the table sitting outside the clubhouse. Police are dealing with this now. It was an extremely disappointing end to a great day.

We are looking at running another Teams event sometime in May (on a Sunday afternoon). More details later.

CHUNKY DOG ROLL **The perfect training treat**

I now have a regular supply of Superior Chunky Dog Roll, which we totally recommend for all types of training. If you haven't used it before, this roll is very good quality & condensed so is perfect for chopping up into treat sized portions (it doesn't go mushy or crumble) It can also be frozen in small cubes & remains free frozen. The cost will be \$6.50 and I can bring the rolls to training whenever it is required.

'TEAM TEVRA' CLOTHING

Vests - Various sizes of vests will be available this weekend and Wed to try on. The next order will be placed at the beginning of March but you need to let me know and pay for your order by the end of February. These superior quality vests are \$75.00 each.

Sunhats & Beanies - Black with red logo. The cost of these are \$15.00 each. Orders as above.

Skivvies & Polo Shirts - We also still have a few skivvies left in navy with red logo in XL only for \$10 each and a couple of navy polo shirts for \$20.00

BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

Well, not much has happen since the last newsletter.

I did do some night trials last year. For some reason I was always on first. It was ether very hot or I had thunderstorms to contend with. Let me tell you it is very hard to do UD in 40 deegree heat or wild thunderstorms with wind. At one trial I was at, there was a BIG tent right next to my ring. I was up to the directional jumps part and the first jump was near the BIG tent. I did try very hard to jump it, I ran very fast towards the jump and the next thing the BIG tent moved. That was it for me, I bailed out and ran across to the other jump and jumped that one instead. I thought that would be the smart thing to do cos it was going to eat me. The judge said, "thank you, steward, bring his lead". I don't think the judge was impressed with me. She booted us out but I thought it showed her how smart I was.

I must have been a very good boy last year though cos Santa came. I got some new toys and lots of lollies.

Well that's all from me.

Wove Bullet. XOXOXO.

PS I have a new name for Rebel "Twinkle toes." (he is doing well at that poofy game of Dancing With Dogs)

TEVRA'S A ONE (AKA REBEL) - NEWS FROM OZ

Bullet knock it off! I'm not Twinkle toes, I'm BAD TO THE BONE!!! Bullet you are just jealous that I did my first competition dances in dog freestyle. I got a 2nd and a 1st which got me my title. The only reason I did the comp was that Grandma Lindsay, Winnie (the naughty little poodle) & Mum and I had done a workshop the weekend before.

Grandma Lindsay talked mum into it. We only had a week to find music and to put a routine together. Mum and I liked the song 'Bad To The Bone' so that was that part sorted. Now the routine, what were we going to do. Our start was a bit like a Test A recall, then some heeling with a spin. Then we went backwards for 4 strides did the same moves with me on the opposite side. I did some weaving, side to heels, pivots & more spins. Our routine was one minuet and thirty seconds. You should have seen Mum, she was dressed up & she looked BAD!!!

They did not even know who we were & they got my name wrong,

they called me Marigold (nobody tell that to Bullet!!!)

One of the judges thought I looked familiar, but did not put it

together until Mum took off her wig. Then they screamed out "GO REBEL and KIM"! We were the first pair to do "the dark side" of dancing.

In the morning comp, two out of the three judges loved us, one was not so keen on it (dunno what their problem was LOL) Anyway, in the afternoon comp all three loved it.

Winnie (the naughty little poodle) got a pass too..... Bullet I don't see you giving her a hard time????? Chicken are you???

I also gained my Novice obedience title last year. I also found that we were first to go in the ring. Mum was very fit running between Bullet's and my ring. The last Novice test I was in we won it by ten points! That was the day Bullet was a scaredy cat of the BIG tent. It was SO hot that day, it was 43 degrees & really windy. Now I am in training for my open test. It's fun cos I get to do jumps.

Well, gotta go, stuff to do.

Love Rebel. XOXOXO



PUPPIES!

BORDER COLLIE PUPS

Colin Broadhurst's Indie, AKA **Barlin She's a Magic Dream CDX ADX** (in obedience Test C) had 6 puppies to Maree Gavigan's Fergus, AKA **Ob Ch Fergus Is My Wee Man CDX**. 3 boys and 3 girls. Indie & Fergus both have great temperaments. At this stage I am looking for homes for the 3 boys, 2 black & White & 1 red.

All are very showy puppies with full collars.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, email Barbara on barlin@clear.net.nz



Golden Retriever Puppies

Jo Donachie's Shiraz (the cream coloured one of her two girls) has had a litter of 10 puppies (3 girls, 7 boys) whelped on the 17th of February. Shiraz competes at Test B level (well, she will be when she gets over her maternity duties)

Pups should have plenty of "get up & go" so make great obedience prospects.

Any enquiries, contact Jo.

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