



## TEVRA TIMES

### September 2007



### FROM THE BOSS !

Why is it that as the year moves on, we seem to get busier than ever? Life is extremely busy at the moment in the Kirk household, with trips away, major dog shows coming up, class assessments to arrange and the ever growing number of domestic dogs that need training. I would really like to thank Donna, Carol, Barbara, Jo D and Jo W for your help with both the administration and training. I really do appreciate it.

Huge congratulations to Andrew and Evelyn Turner with Charlie and Piper, Tony Titheridge with Meg and Reiko Itoh with Nemo, who have all passed their Advanced Certificates. These are the first handlers to do so and now I have to get my thinking cap on to find something harder to keep them interested. Well done guys, you have worked very hard for this.

I will always remember the day that I received a phone call from this quietly spoken person to say that she had a toy poodle that was very nervous of various situations. I politely suggested that the puppy come to training and when they arrived there was a situation of a nervous puppy with an equally nervous handler. That was approximately 2 years ago and now we have Nemo, who not only does agility, but has gone on to pass all her certificates. This has involved her adjusting to working at a distance from her handler. In fact, not to long ago, Reiko had to correct Nemo for trying to do her own thing instead of listening to Reiko. Well done Reiko and Nemo!

Next week I am away to Sydney to attend the Australian Pet Dog Trainers Association Annual Conference. This is a 3 day conference with several guest speakers. I will also be presenting a couple of seminars while over there, including one on our Competition Workshop which has been presented on several occasions over here. Barbara Broadhurst is coming with me on this trip, but I must admit, I am a little concerned that she may wonder off on me while in Sydney. In view of the tight security for the APEC conference, I'm worried she may get either arrested or may be confronted with their new high powered water guns that are capable of sweeping you off your feet from a distance of 50 metres. This trip is a big step for Barbara to take and I am really proud of her for taking it. I will look after her well.

Our final newsletter for the year will be out in early November so if you wish to have anything included please send it in, either to myself, or to Jo Wilson.

Good luck to all of you who are heading North to compete in either the Nationals or the NDTA.

*Janice*

## CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



**Above:** Andrew Turner with Charlie, Evelyn Turner with Piper, Tony Titheridge with Meg and Reiko Itoh with Nemo, enjoying the last part of their certificate assessment. Congratulations on becoming the first group of handlers and dogs to pass the Tevra Advanced Certificate.

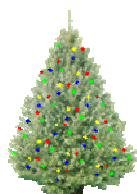
Presently we have a number of graduations underway, which makes planning a little difficult. The Certificate Class people will receive an updated newsletter in a couple of weeks with all of the new times, classes and venues listed.

A presentation of Certificates for Andrew, Evelyn, Tony & Reiko will be made in the near future. This will also be advised in the Certificate Class newsletter coming out.

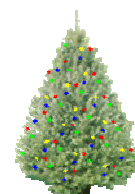


**Please Note:** There will be No Certificate Classes on either Thursday evening 13th September or Saturday 15th September.

A report from Barbara on how things are going with her classes will be published next time, as she has been feeling under the weather with a bout of the flu. She did tell me though that there is some good progress being made by many of her class members.



## XMAS BREAK UP DATES

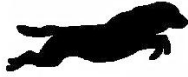


Our breakup for the year for **ALL** classes will be on **Sunday 25th November** starting at **3pm** at our house, **10 Vickery Street, Kaiapoi.**

Could you please bring a plate of finger type food for a casual tea. As it is bound to rain, we will have a large Marquee up. Please also bring your own chairs, plates, etc. It would be really good if those of you in the Certificate Classes could also join us. More details in the November newsletter.

Training for Wednesday Obedience classes will finish on Wednesday 5th December  
Luncheon will be Wednesday 19th December - Details later.

Certificate Classes will finish on Wednesday 12th December, Friday 14th December and Saturday 15th December.

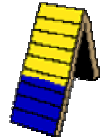


## AGILITY REPORT

The use of the agility gear has dropped somewhat over the recent colder months with just a few keen members consistently turning up to train. There are a few Ribbon Trials and Champ Shows coming up so hopefully you will get to put that training into practise.

Remember the money raised from your agility training fee goes straight back into agility and at present the balance in our agility account is \$348.30.

Thanks to Margaret & Linda for looking after the agility side of things & especially Linda who transports much of the gear to the park each week.



## WET WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

A reminder that an email will be sent out by 8am if training is to be cancelled, so please check your inbox. If you do not have internet access, arrange for an online member to let you know or ring me on 0274 570 819.

## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

If possible, please don't text me for important messages i.e. training times, cancellations etc. I am not a reliable texter and the messages do not always get read in time. It is also both impossible and unfair to text while training. It's a better idea to email me, or even try the telephone.

## CLOTHING

We still have a limited supply of skivvies available at \$20.00 each from our original order so if you would like to buy one let me know. Because we bought these in bulk, we are able to sell them for this price. The cost will increase with the next order so get in quick if you want one.

We are looking at buying navy blue polo shirts with our logo (printed in red) on the pocket. At this stage it looks like the cost will also be around \$20.00 (depending on numbers ordered) If you want one, please order it from me in advance so that I know how many of which size to get. I will be ordering these at the end of September so please let me know ASAP.

## TEVRA RECIPE BOOK

Often at a morning tea shout some of you produce some very tasty products and we all talk about getting the recipe off you. Now you have a chance to share these recipes with everyone. We are going to produce a 'Tevra Favourite Recipe Book' in time for Christmas, so if you could all please either email or hand in a copy of your favourite recipe, it will be included along with both your name and the name of your dog.

Please pass your recipes on to either Janice, Barbara, Carol or Jo Wilson by **30 September** if you wish to have it included or email them to;

Janice [tevra@clear.net.nz](mailto:tevra@clear.net.nz) OR Jo W [waimakgoldies@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:waimakgoldies@slingshot.co.nz)

## NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES – DUNEDIN 2008

For those who meet the age requirement & are interested in participating in next year's event, get your entries in early & save yourself \$10 on the Registration Fee. The Early Bird Registration Fee of \$40 is only available until 31 October 2007.

For more details & online entries check out the website <http://dunedin2008.nzmg.com/>

### TRAVEL WARNING!!!!

In this day & age, there are many things to be careful about when travelling overseas, including accidents, hijackers/terrorists & all manner of diseases/illnesses. BUT, often it can be the seemingly trivial things that have the potential to cause a disaster.

I had a worrying incident reported to me recently and thought I had better share it with others to serve as a warning. This incident happened not far from our shores, in neighbouring Australia, and proves just how dangerous it could be to take for granted your knowledge of foreign fauna.

A small party of Tevra members, who were holidaying in Northeast Australia just last month, came across a small creature hopping across the road. On closer inspection, one member confidently identified the creature as a harmless Kangaroo Rat (they had seen information about native fauna on the internet). Without a second thought about their safety, the party continued casually past. Upon later describing the creature to some locals, it turns out that the hopping creature was in fact a Cane Toad, which, as many of you will know, have the potential to squirt out a venomous poison. In humans the poison may cause intense pain, temporary blindness and inflammation.

So, Barbara, while in Sydney, PLEASE keep well away from any spiders or snakes that you happen to come across!! AND, for future reference please study the photos below.

**CANE TOAD**



**KANGAROO RAT**



### JULY CAPTION COMPETITION

**No I did NOT fart,  
it was the dog!**

Congratulations to Johanna Salisbury who was the winner of the caption competition with the above entry.

Janice has a small prize for you to collect Johanna.



# SOUTHERN REGION DOG TRAINING EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

## SEPTEMBER

8 Sept	Southern Golden Retriever Club	Ob Open Trial (Goldies only)
8/9 Sept	Christchurch Dog Training Club	Ob Champ Show + CD Trial
8/9 Sept	Taieri Canine Training Club	Ag Champ Show
15/16 Sept	Waimakariri Dog Obedience Club	Ag Champ Show
22 Sept	Mid Canty Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
28/29/30 Sept	National Dog Show (Wellington)	Ob, Ag & Breed Champ Shows
30 Sept	Selwyn Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial

## OCTOBER

6 Oct	Canterbury Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
6 Oct	Nelson Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
6/7 Oct	Otago Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
7 Oct	Blenheim Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
10 Oct	Christchurch Dog Training Club	Ob Ribbon Trial (evening)
13/14 Oct	Mid Canty Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial
19-22 Oct	National Dog Training Assembly (Auck)	Ob & Ag Champ Shows

## NOVEMBER

3/4 Nov	Canterbury Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
10/11 Nov	Selwyn Dog Training Club	Ob Champ Show
10/11 Nov	Canterbury Canine Agility Training Soc	Ag Champ Shows
17/18 Nov	South Canterbury Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
24/25 Nov	Southland Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial

## DECEMBER

1 Dec	Nelson Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial
2 Dec	Blenheim Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Show
8/9 Dec	Taieri Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows

### A Bit Of Fun - Talking Dog For Sale...

#### (Courtesy of Argosy Apartments – Cairns)

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?" The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eaves-dropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running." "But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in." I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed! He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. "Ten dollars," the guy says "Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?" "Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff. "