



# ROTORUA DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

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*Gerry Randal, Jenny Thompson, Barbara Bourne, Sylvia Bow*

### ***FRIENDS OF THE CLUB***

*Tom Johnson, Rex Windelborne, Albie Brothers, Jim Coburn*

## **CENTRAL CITY VETS**

***Rotorua Dog Obedience Club would like to send a big thank you to  
Central City Vets for their ongoing support of our club***

## **OBITUARY**

**Nick Milsum** - It is with great sadness that I write a farewell to Nick - long-time Club member, Life Member, and the big mover in establishing Agility in our Club.

Nick joined us with a Border Collie called Rose around 1988/89 when we were still training and showing our dogs at Smallbone Park. He initially trained Rose for competitive obedience, however at that time the sport of agility was being discussed and experimented with by members and clubs around the country. This new activity appealed to Nick so he swapped codes, took the agility idea and ran with it, creating a strong and competitive group of participants among us. Unfortunately his Rose, although one of the country's top agility dogs at that time did not carry the title of agility champion, as that part of the rules were still being written during her career. Even so her photo hangs proudly on our Club House wall, along with all the other Champions trained here.

Nick's next dog Joy however, did carry the Agility Champion title and was one of the country's first to earn the title ADX.

Taking a break from the dog world Nick then took up bowls followed by photography, with the same passion he had given to Agility. Photography saw him traveling around the world, and even photographing insects in the South American bush.

It was great to welcome him back to the Club after his absence. With his new dog Tara he took on skills new to him, taking part in Rally-O and CGC, where Tara and he achieved Bronze status and were working steadily towards Silver.

He will be hugely missed.

Robin Harland.



*Nick & Tara receiving their CGC Bronze Award  
On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016*

## RESULTS

Agility Results from the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of November

“It was the first weekend for Teak to run in the "big" league, i.e. in Seniors and Jumpers A. On EBOP ribbon trial on Saturday he managed to get his first win ever in Intermediate; in Senior he made a small mistake but that was more attributable to the handler.

On Sunday it was a Jumpers Champ event; he got two very nice 5<sup>th</sup> places and finished the day by getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Jumpers A - we were totally stoked to see he's continuing with his success at the higher levels.”

Peter Franz

Dawn and Peppa won their second Novice at Fielding Champ Show on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December and is now competing in Intermediate.

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Obedience – Dianne went to Taupo early November and got a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Test B with Nyala and gained CDA with Monty. Eunice and Ranger got a 5<sup>th</sup> in Test B.

Dianne and Nyala got 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Test B and Nyala also got best “Send Away” cup. Dianne and Monty got “Best Heel Work”. Eunice and Ranger got 1<sup>st</sup> in Test A (his second Test A win) and 5<sup>th</sup> in Test B.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ROTORUA DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS.**



## Championship Obedience Show – 2016

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Our annual championship obedience show is coming up on anniversary weekend – the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January, held out at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

As always this is the time that we ask you to step up and help support our trainers in return for the fantastic work they do teaching our classes all year. The show is a big deal for the club and we need all hands possible on deck to make it run smoothly and to share the load.



If you pop into the clubhouse you will see a big whiteboard with all the jobs that need filled on at the office end of the room. Feel free to throw your name up for something or have a chat with any of your trainers or the committee members and we can help you find something to suit.

If you can't get down to club, email us on [rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com)

and let us know what you are able to help out with.

### We are specifically looking for ....

Stewards for the obedience tests

We are looking for an organised person to take on sorting out the judge's lunch table each day. This would be from approx. 11.00am-2pm each day. Mixing salads, carving meat, dressing tables and generally just making it all work!

We also need people to help out in the main kitchen. There are flexibility around times so don't be put off if you can't do the whole thing, let us know what you CAN do and we will fit you in.

Saturday 11.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday 11.00am – 2.00pm

There are also positions for someone to help in the stay ring and people available for 'hot scenting' Being a scent decoy or 'hot scent' just involves having clean hands, pockets and some patience! No experience necessary.

Finally – if you absolutely can't make it down we appreciate any support in the form of a salad or dessert for lunches or some baking for the main kitchen. Food transport out to the show from Rotorua can be arranged if required.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### R.D.O.C. Lending Library

A big thank you to those club members who have kindly donated books to the library.

We have well over 50 titles that are available for loan to club members. Have a look through our selection next time you are at the clubrooms and see if something takes your fancy. We have a good mix of subjects including animal training, heart-warming stories, there are a few books on different breeds plus high country farming. Please enter details in the RED book on the top shelf when borrowing.

Our collection is small but growing and we would welcome further donations of any books you have spare. For Library details, contact Heather on 021 2600041



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For those of you who tasted Robin's Chocolate Truffles at the Christmas Party and wanted her recipe, here it is:

375 dark chocolate (NOT Pams)  
200g Butter  
½ pkt or more of pitted prunes  
¼ cup (or more) of brandy or port  
3 cups icing sugar  
2pkts chocolate melts (NOT Pams)

Soak prunes in port or brandy (I halve the prunes – easier to work with)  
Melt butter and chocolate while stirring (bowl over hot water)

Mix chocolate, butter, prunes and icing sugar. Chill till firm enough to roll into balls  
Place balls on foil covered tray and freeze.

Melt choc melts and Dip frozen truffles into choc melts  
Store frozen or in a cool place.



## **This Month's Book Reviews:**

### **Canine Cross Training     by Sasha Foster, MSPT, CCRT**

Positive, reward-based training methods that teach how to condition your dog in a way that blends balance, strength, endurance and flexibility exercises into a Cross Training Fitness programme. The goal of Cross Training is to optimize the body's output in a safe way. All components (balance, strength, endurance and flexibility) have 4 skill levels and all levels of exercises are fully illustrated. The book explains in depth, how the dog learns new motor skills and movement patterning; explains how to test your dog to determine what level of exercise difficulty and then to develop a suitable training programme. It recommends different conditioning programmes for various types of activities ranging from agility, flyball, show dogs, sledding, rescue work, tracking, tricks and obedience. Young dogs can improve body awareness, canine athletes can increase competitiveness and old dogs can maintain mobility. A good reference book for those who are looking to improve performance with their dogs.

### **The Wonderful World of Dogs                     by Douglas James**

Over 125 full colour illustrations with special chapters on Guard, Guide and Rescue Dogs, Companion Dogs, Scent Hounds and Sight Hounds, Sheep and Herding Dogs, Sporting Dogs and Terriers. It also gives advice on choosing a dog as well as looking after your dog. This book is a good place to start when looking at breeds you may not be familiar with.

### **The Good Treats Cookbook for Dogs                     by Barbara Burg**

Want something different for the kids to do during the holidays? Have a look through this book of 50 recipes of home-cooked treats for your dogs. There are recipes for biscuits, nut and vegetable bars, celebration cakes, chilled tarts and beverages. Ideal for gifts or training treat. Perhaps try this sample recipe from the book.

## RECEIPES – Dog Biscuits

Vegetable Beef Biscuits     Makes about 70 biscuits (depending on size of cutter)

### Ingredients

300ml water

90g shredded carrots

One 70g jar of beef baby food (or chicken)

2 tablespoons canola oil

2 eggs

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

435g whole wheat flour

435g plain flour

### Method

Preheat oven to 150C. Lightly oil a baking sheet.

In a large bowl, combine water, carrots, beef, oil & eggs. Mix until well blended.

Mix together parsley & flours then add this mixture to the ingredients in the large bowl. Mix or knead until well blended.

Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until well combined.

Roll dough to just over ½ cm thick and cut out shapes with cookie cutters.

Repeat rolling and cutting until all dough is used. Place biscuits on a prepared baking sheet. Bake 35 minutes then turn off oven and let biscuits dry out and harden in the oven until cool. Store in a sealed container.



## THIS MONTHS FUNNIES

Pinocchio, Snow White and Superman were out for a stroll in town one day. As they walked, they came across a sign “Beauty contest for the most beautiful woman in the world.”

“I am entering,” said Snow White.

After half an hour she comes out and they ask her, “Well how’d ya do?” “First Place,” said Snow White.

They continue walking and they see a sign, “Contest for the strongest man in the world.”

“I’m entering,” says Superman.

After half an hour he returns and they ask him, “How did you make out?” “First Place,” answers Superman, “Did you ever doubt?”

They continue walking when they see a sign, “Contest! Who is the greatest liar in the world?” Pinocchio says “This is mine.”

Half an hour later, he returns with tears in his eyes. “What happen?” they asked. He replies, “I lost – who the hell is Donald Trump?”



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A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerk called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

“Do you have health insurance?” she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, “No health insurance.”

The nun asked, “Do you have money in the bank?”

He replied, “No, no money in the bank.”

“Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?”

He said, “I only have a spinster sister and she is a nun.”



The nun became agitated and announced loudly, “Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God.”

The patient replied, “Perfect, Send the bill to my brother-in-law.”

## YEAR END CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GRADUATION

Our term ended on 7<sup>th</sup> December with graduation and a Christmas Party with games and plenty to eat. The weather wasn't the greatest with the occasional shower but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



There was an agility display by Jo and Dawn and everyone was invited to “have a go”. There was also an agility relay race which was enjoyed by all.



Ann set up a Rally-O course and demonstrated the course which also generated some interest.

Julie and her CGC class put on a display showing some of the exercises required to qualify for each level. Nick and Tara were meant to be part of the display but sadly Nick passed away earlier in the week.



There was a “bob for the sausage” game where dogs had to get 5 pieces of sausage out of a bucket of water. There were many different styles much to the amusement of the crowd. The evening finished with graduation of the beginners classes and lots of yummy food!



## **CYANOBACTERIA (Blue-Green Algae) Warning**

At this time of year algae blooms can happen very quickly. We were sadly caught unaware of this while on holiday over Christmas so it seems a good time to bring it to your attention.

Cyanobacteria (commonly known as “blue-green algae”) are found in fresh water lakes and rivers throughout the world, usually in low concentrations. However, when conditions are favourable, cyanobacteria cells can multiply and form cyanobacteria blooms or cyanobacterial mats. These may also accumulate to form



surface scums in shallow inlets and bays and along the shoreline of lakes and rivers. Rotorua lakes being warm, nutrient rich and slow moving are especially prone to these blooms, all blooms should be considered potentially toxic. Very small exposures, such as a few mouthfuls of algae-contaminated water, may result in fatal poisoning. Dogs that enjoy swimming and playing in lakes and ponds may be exposed to blue-green algae. These blooms are especially toxic for dogs and without treatment death can follow very quickly.



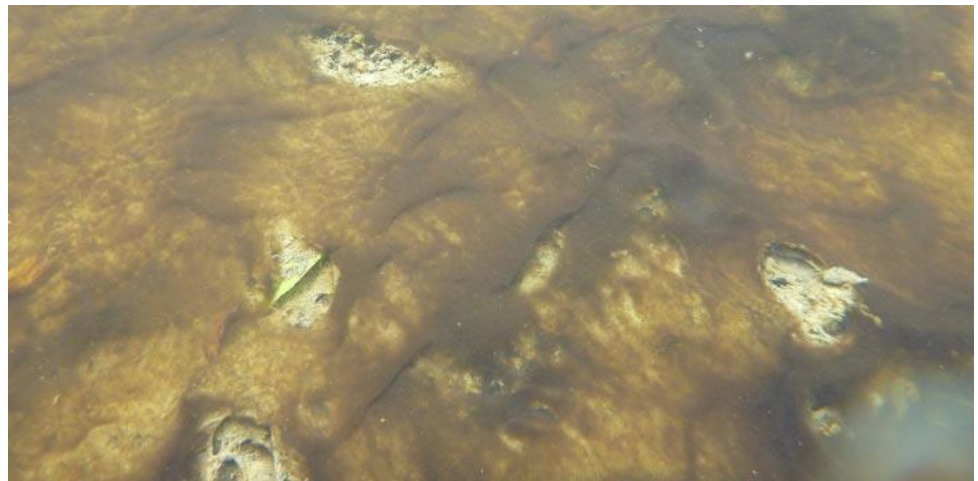
Cyanobacteria blooms come in two forms.

The first is a ‘pea soup’ type appearance to the water (see above photo). The other is a floating mat which quite closely resembles a cow pat. These mats have an earthy

scent to them and are quite irresistible to dogs. Eating them is the quickest route to neurotoxic poisoning. Cyanobacteria blooms are also harmful to people so you should avoid swimming in areas with high concentrations.

Be especially aware in waterways surrounding high intensity farming areas, at times of low rainfall and in slow moving waterways or in stony bottomed creek beds.

Unfortunately, there is no antidote for the toxins produced by blue-green algae. Immediate veterinary care is imperative.



**Please check the water before you let your dogs swim! If you are unsure, keep them out!**

Councils monitor waterways for concentrations, you can look for any alerts online before you visit the water. Please note that the lack of an alert does not make the water safe, use your eyes and your judgement.

River alerts: <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/rivers-and-drainage/rivers-health-warning/>

Lakes: <http://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/health-warnings>

**If you find a blue-green algae bloom contact**

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council - 0800 884 880
- Pollution Hotline - 0800 884 883 (after hours)
- Waikato Regional Council 07 378 6539 (Taupo office)
- Pollution Hotline 0800 800 401(after hours)

## **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$100 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year)

Membership renewal: \$70.00

Family Membership: \$95.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$25.00

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