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FONDLY REMEMBERED

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***

CLASSES FOR TERM 4

Sunday 11th October at 2.00pm– Rally-O, this is suitable for dogs that have done two terms of general obedience. A Rally-O course consists of 13 – 15 stations with a different exercise to be worked at each station. If you'd like to know more, come to club (with your dog) on Sunday, 11th October, or contact Ann McSweeney, 3628940 or amcsweeney@xtra.co.nz.

Tuesday 13 October – Competition Obedience, this is for those handlers who want to compete in Obedience at Elementary or Special Beginners.

Wednesday 14th October – Obedience, this is for dogs and handlers of any age that have had little or no previous obedience training (this class is \$90 for the 8 week course, which gives you membership for the current financial year)



Wednesday 14th October– CGC, this is suitable for dogs/handlers who have completed at least one beginners class, recognizing responsible dog ownership and the control of your dog in a variety of exercises and situations.

Thursday 15th October – Term 4 Agility classes commence.

All classes cost \$20 per term for financial members. Class fees are payable on the first night. To enrol contact the obedience (Ginny) or agility (Keryn) co-ordinator.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Obedience – Eunice Brothers with Arrow have made it into the Northern Region Team for Test B and Dianne Western with Nyala has made it into Northern Region Team for Test A. They will be travelling to Christchurch for the NDOA which is at the end of the October Labour Weekend with 5 dogs competing representing RDOC. Dianne with Monty will be doing Rally for the first time. Good luck to all of you.

Congratulations!

RECENT TRIAL RESULTS – FOR RALLY-O

The annual NZARO Rally Expo was held in Feilding on the weekend of 18-19 July. Trials are held each day in the three rally codes: “standard” Rally, Zoom, and Handy Dog. Standard rally is most similar to regular obedience, with exercises including sit, down, stand, or recall; in Zoom the dog and handler are in continuous motion and there are more changes of pace; and in Handy Dog the exercises include heeling on the right side and use of equipment such as planks, ladders, weaves and tunnels. The classes in each code are Foundation, Novice, Advanced and Excellent. A score of 90 or better (out of 100) is a “qualifying score” and is counted towards the dog’s title at the appropriate level.

Mary Browne with Monty, and Ann McSweeney with Holly and Katy entered a range of classes in all three codes; their results included:

Rally Foundation 1: Mary and Monty 99 points (4th place)
Rally Novice 1: Mary and Monty 100 points (3rd)
Rally Excellent 1: Ann and Katy 95 points (2nd); Ann and Holly 95 points (3rd)
Zoom Foundation 1: Mary and Monty 96 points
Zoom Novice 1: Mary and Monty 98 points (3rd)
Zoom Excellent 1: Ann and Katy 100 points (1st); Ann and Holly 98 points (3rd)
Handy Dog Foundation 1: Mary and Monty 96 points
Handy Dog Novice 1: Mary and Monty 94 points
Handy Dog Advanced 1: Ann and Katy 95 points (1st)
Rally Foundation 2: Mary and Monty 99 points (3rd)
Rally Excellent 2: Ann and Katy 100 points (1st); Ann and Holly 99 points (3rd)
Zoom Foundation 2: Mary and Monty 100 points (1st)
Zoom Excellent 2: Ann and Katy 100 points (1st); Ann and Holly 99 points (2nd)
Handy Dog Foundation 2: Mary and Monty 93 points
Handy Dog Novice 2: Mary and Monty 97 points

On 12-13 September, three Rally trials were held at Ardmore (NZKC’s Auckland venue): Ann McSweeney and Holly gained scores of 97, 98 and 97 in Rally Advanced; and two scores of 100 in Rally Excellent. Ann and Katy gained three scores of 100 in Rally Advanced (one 1st place and two 2nd places); and one score of 100 in Rally Excellent.

QUESTIONS:

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They’re both dogs!
Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
Why do people keep running over a cotton thread a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

CGC ASSESSMENT IN ROTORUA

We woke up to a fine and clear day on Saturday 12th September after it had been raining the night before. There was a very cold wind blowing and if it had not been for the sun shining the day would have been unbearable.

We had 6 entries for Foundation and 1 entry for Silver. Four of the entries were from our club and 2 entries from Dog Sports. The Silver entry was from Taupo Dog Training Club.

Our Assessor (Kathryn Ross) came over from Hamilton for a 9 o'clock start to begin the Foundation assessments. As there was only 1 entry in Silver she offered to assess that one as well.

We had a very small turn out of helpers, but they were a very helpful and willing bunch. The club would like to thank them all very much for braving the cold windy day. It was not very pleasant standing around trying to stay warm with a blustery wind at your back. An extra special thank you to the helpers from Dog Sports Rotorua who hadn't planned on being put into action but stepped into the gap to make the whole day successful!

We would also like to thank Sandra & Max and Bernie & Penny for being the friendly dogs in Gold and a special thank you to Mary & Monty for being the friendly dog in Foundation. Monty was very good and patient even though he couldn't understand why he wasn't allowed to play with the other dogs.

Congratulations to Nicola Kirkham and her dog Ty for passing Foundation and congratulations for Liz Wallace (from Taupo) and her dog Gracie, who passed Silver. All those who did not pass, in most cases, only missed out on one exercise and I think nerves might have played a small part also.



Liz (left) with Gracie (Centre) and Katheryn (assessor)

HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG MENTALLY STIMULATED

Play the shell Game with your dog – get 3 small buckets or empty coffee cans, doggie treats, leash and a hungry dog.

Put your dog into a down-stay in the kitchen, then walk into the living room and place the 3 buckets side by side with the mouth of the bucket on the ground. Put a treat under one of the buckets. Return to your dog and walk him over to the buckets and give him the command to “find” - use whatever word suits. Encourage your dog to smell the buckets. When he gets excited about the bucket with the treat under praise him, then push the bucket over and let him get the treat. Repeat this process by switching the bucket the treat is under.



CANINE FRIENDS (Pet Therapy)

Don't forget if you are interested in using your dog for Pet Therapy contact Julie or go to the Canine Friends website for more information, www.caninefriends.org.nz



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Teeing off on the 12th hole at a golf resort, we stopped to buy cold drinks from the young woman driving the beverage cart. As my buddy reached for his wallet, he said to her, “you’re in great shape, you must work out a lot.” Flattered, she gave him a big smile and gushed, “oh thank you so much.”

The next day a different young woman was driving the cart. “Watch this” I whispered. I walked up to her and said: “Wow, you must work out a lot?” “Yeah” she replied flatly, “you should try it.”

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$90 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year)

Membership renewal:	\$70.00
Family Membership:	\$90.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term if \$20.00

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