

TAIERI CANINE TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018 Welcome to the 3rd Newsletter.....



NEWS FROM FEBUARY'S AGM

Trophy Winners List 2017

Junior - Fenella & Rosie

McKernan - Reece & Risk

Duel Discipline - Fiona & Lochie

Khan - Veronica Maclean- for querying the novelty event at our December show. She wanted to know how we would change the height for A B C of the tunnellers event for each dog competing.

Senior - Reece & Sprint

Secretaries - Don & George

Ticotonic - Sallie & Boo- Sallie thanked the committee, but wished for it to be presented to Jolene Lynn for having come such a long way with her dog

Presidents trophy - Bronwyn Wilson- for all of her years of behind the scenes work & more.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO TCTC GOES TO!!

Mr Richard Powley

- Member for well over 10 years
- Long standing committee member
- Held the position of Agility Co-ordinator for many years
- Spent many hours/weeks with
- Training classes and plenty of other work behind the scenes just to name a few.

BIG THANKS RICHARD....

Jo Ingram, My Agility Journey.



I live with my husband John, on 5 acres on Saddle Hill. Over the years we have had several different breeds, Saint Bernard, Irish Setter, German Shepherd and Golden Retriever but Belgian shepherds are our



passion and we have 5. Yes 5! Storm 10yrs, Wolf 9yrs, Molly 7yrs, Jock 5yrs, and Gretel 10mths. I work shift work and as you can see by the calendar photo our household is run on a timetable and routine

that follows my 12 hour shifts. My shift pattern rotates over an eight week cycle so I am never available at the same time on the same day. This makes attending agility courses impossible. To complicate this I also work in Australia for short periods. (I am not just lazy and can't be bothered coming out to training, or using it as an excuse). John looks after the dogs in a 'sugar daddy' sort of way but will not do any training.

I began my journey about 9 years ago with Storm. I came home most nights in tears. My confidence was destroyed and I fell into the 'training for trainings sake' routine for several years. We moved to Saddle Hill to live in a 14 foot caravan with only 4 dogs at that time while we built our new home. We were in the caravan for 11 months, 1 week, 2 days and 4 hours. John then wanted to set fire to it in the driveway. To be fair after having 4 Belgians in it, that was a realistic option. At this time Richard Powley had a new puppy called Mello, and Storm, who has always had a thing for Kelpies (and Richard) was intimidating Mello a bit at training. I decided it would be a good thing to have a few months out and concentrate on the build. Also the thought of bringing wet muddy dogs home from training to a very small caravan did not appeal. At this stage we had a washing machine sitting on a pellet and covered by a tarp in the middle of the paddock and were emptying a cassette toilet on a regular basis so life was challenging.



I returned to agility, and helped out at a few shows when I wasn't working and still just went to training. We had some friends from the North Island come to stay when the Nationals were on in Gore and they encouraged us to go down and watch for a day. I noticed some of the dogs barked, some left the ring, and some didn't do as they were told and passed comment that Storm could maybe do as well. That was the end. They gave me the push I needed and

helped me through the registration process. I had no idea about having a dog measured, getting a number or how to enter a show. I think they did the entering for me the first time. I snuck down to Invercargill for my first championship show as Martin Bush was judge and he has Belgians. He was great. Took me aside and gave me some 'Belgian' tips. I also felt a bit like I wasn't good enough to be competing yet so the plan was I would embarrass myself far away from home turf.



And so I was hooked. Storm is now retired. Her competing career only lasted a short 3 years but she achieved JD, AD, ADX and managed to teach me heaps about the Belgian brain. She competed at the nationals in Christchurch and although she didn't get to the podium she did get a total 7 clear round certificates out of a possible 8, so she was my star. At this stage I would also have to mention Fenny who came to us as an adult dog with a lot of aggression issues. Agility was

his passion and our link to him. It was the only way we could bond with him in a relaxed way. He also went to nationals with a few months of training and competing under his belt. I was elated to gain a 5th place and get a ribbon with him in starters. He was quickly catching Storm with his JD, and only needing one more AD certificate to be made up. I have had a major disappointment with Jock who although he loves agility at home, shuts down in the ring. This transfers to any ring so he isn't competing at present. I have dabbled at Rally O with Wolf and Molly but never competed, although I have always wanted to. We have Gretel coming on who everyone should be able to recognize as she is brown. As I have been writing this she has just eaten the finger tips off one of my scooter gloves, which she snuck away and stole out of the garage! Her Grandfather is Storms father so watch out. Gaman is also on her way from Australia mid July, bringing our total to 6 and me up to having 2 dogs to compete with. We will hope to breed Belgians when John retires next year but this is dependent on a huge amount of variables.

I have recently taken on the role of Treasurer for the club. I felt I would be able to fit this around my shift work and hopefully it is a way I can contribute back to the club.

The top agility benefits for me;

Working together as a team with your dog.

The amazing friends and lovely people you meet around the country.

Learning so much about dog handling skills.

The down side of agility.

Ending up with so many dogs, most of whom are retired but you still love anyway, and not being able to get a seat on your own couch.

Jo Ingram.



News from the Committee

The new Taieri Canine Training Club Committee had its first meeting on the 12th of March. During the meeting Teresa took on the role as Agility Coordinator, Vicky agreed to continue as Obedience Coordinator, and Nicola was made Vice President. Plans were made for Yvette and Lyn to start Rally-O and CGC training at TCTC. Reece and Teresa will also be looking into Flygility training.

General TCTC News

The cost and availability of the Equestrian Centre is being investigated for winter training. To be kept up to date with this and other notices, 'like' the TCTC facebook page.

Upcoming Agility Events to Enter

Show Date	Club	Type	Events	Closing Date
May				
6th May	OCTC (Dunedin)	Ribbon	Ag Jpr Elem	On the day
12th/13th May	TCTC (Dunedin)	Champ	2xAg 3xJpr ADXA JDT	18th April
June				
9th/10th June	Waimak (Christchurch)	Champ	3xAg Jpr	10th May
23rd/24th June	OCTC (Dunedin)	Champ	5xJpr	24th May

Tips for before your agility run at champ shows:

- Check in with the call steward and find out who you will be following, about four dogs before your turn.
- Move into the holding area when the dog before you enters the ring.
- Place all toys, treats, leashes, jackets etc in the bucket.
- Check that the only thing your dog is wearing is a collar with a D-ring (no tags etc.).
- Call out your dogs permanent number to the scribe as (or before) you enter the ring.
- Enter the ring as the previous dog leaves.
- Make sure the judge is ready before you start.
- Have fun!

Weave pole straps are available for purchase.

These straps are \$30 and are used to create the correct spacing between poles when using "stick in the ground" weave poles at home. If you wish to purchase a strap, please contact Teresa Walker or talk to your trainer or a committee member.

Flygility

The Southern Flygility Group held its first tournament of the year at Forrester Park on Saturday the 17th of March. The weather held up perfectly and there was some great competition with competitors travelling from Christchurch and Invercargill to participate. For those interested in becoming involved in the sport, TCTC is looking into offering classes in the near future so watch this space.



Taieri Canine
Training Club



JUST OVER THE
EASTER WEEKEND SOME OF
OUR TCTC MEMBERS
COMPETED AT NDOA (national
dog obedience assembly) IN
CHRISTCHURCH. IT'S MY
PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE WE
HAD SOME AWESOME
RESULTS. CONGRATULATIONS
EVERYONE!! (Full report next
newsletter).

