



NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2012

We started the autumn/ winter season with an Indian summer, lots of nice fine evenings and weekends. Unfortunately those evenings have long since disappeared and winter has made its presence felt.

However, the weather was kind to us and the last few championship shows have been held in very mild conditions. OCTC's April show had stunning weather and it made for a very enjoyable show with a great picnic atmosphere. A good time was had by all those who attended and thanks to OCTC for a great weekend.

With fingers crossed we awaited the arrival of our first show for the year. The week leading up to the show produced some very wet, cold days and it wasn't looking good. However, Saturday dawned a bit foggy and cold but transformed into a pleasant autumn day and Sunday followed in the same vein.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out at our show. We were feeling the strain with an unusually low number of our members competing and then our numbers were cut again with unforeseen circumstances making even more members unavailable. It was great to see a large number of new members who weren't competing coming along and help out. You were invaluable and our thanks goes out to you. To those members that had to double up on jobs etc. you did an excellent job and we once again had another successful show.

We are now looking forward to our September show (1st & 2nd). If you are not competing but can lend a hand please email bronny2@hotmail.com and leave your name and what day would suit you best to come along.

If you were at the May show you would have noticed the new OPEN flag we used to indicate when the ring was open for walking. Vicky sourced the flag for the club and also got a very good deal on the price for us. The flag was received with positive support from competitors (as they could see the course was open for walking) it was decided we should purchase another one. Thanks to the kind donation from one of our members we now have a red flag to go with our existing green one. This will

enable competitors to see at a glance if their ring is open for walking and with each ring assigned a different colour there should be no confusion. Let's see how long it takes for other clubs to adopt this idea.

Your committee has been working hard to acquire new equipment for the club and for those of you doing agility you may have noticed the jumps have doubled in number. We also have two new tunnels and a new tyre. Our new contact equipment should be arriving shortly and this will give the club two full sets of equipment.



To help pay for the new equipment the committee sort grants from various Trusts and we are pleased to advise that Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation has once again granted us money towards the new equipment.

We have been fortunate in being able to receive this grant, especially in the present economic conditions. But the grant doesn't cover the full cost of the equipment, so any fundraising ideas would be welcome.

We have approached the Forsyth Barr Stadium about fundraising for the club through ushering. This is run by a security firm and you would have to give up an evening for training before we would be accepted, plus be available for the event. We would require at least 14 members to be able to do this, however, it pays well and would be an excellent fundraiser. Please email: bronny2@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Agility training

The new regime in training has been going well and members appear to be benefitting from the visit of Greg and Laura Derrett at the beginning of the year.

With the weather cancelling numerous training evenings it was decided to trial Sunday morning training, when trainers are available. The Sunday morning training classes have been well attended and it's been great having Paul and Sallie Remon give of their time to train members. The Sunday class has also been a fantastic opportunity for all agility member to train together.



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Richard has recently started a new Foundation class with ten handlers and their dogs attending. Welcome to those who are new to agility and we hope you enjoy your training and look forward to seeing you compete in the future.

A&P Show Grounds

On a couple of occasions the toilets/showers have been found less than clean and unfortunately this has been discovered after we have been on the grounds. We have not directly being blamed for this, but a request has been made that we remind members to please wipe your feet (or remove your shoes if really muddy) and leave the hand basins etc. in the condition you find them in. And please NO DOGS in the toilets at any time. Committee members/ trainers will check the toilets after each training session to ensure that they are clean and tidy before we leave the grounds so the finger of blame can not be pointed at us.

Also, remember to pick up your dog poo and either put it in the large skip out the back of the club shed or take it with you.

Thank you for your continued help in these matters.

Domestic obedience classes

Vicky's domestic classes continue to run on a Thursday night at 7pm and are receiving good attendances. If you have a new puppy or young dog (or know of someone who does) that needs some socialisation and to learn the basics then this is the class for you. You can join in at anytime for an 8 week course.

Rally-O

Rally-O has been going for just over a year now at TCTC and Yvette has been taking the class at 6pm on Wednesday nights. Two of our new Rally-O competitors competed in their first show at OCTC on 7-8 July. Both Raewyn and Glenda did well for their first time out. Raewyn & Zara only competed on the Saturday gaining their first RN certificate. Glenda & Colin competed both days and gained their RN title with four wins (two of those on 100 points) and were also top Novice Dog for the weekend.

Old hands Vicky, Bronwyn and Yvette were also competing and Taieri was well represented with Vicky and Spy gaining their RN, and Gem her RA. Bronwyn and Ccino gaining their RN and Bailey his RA. Well done to everyone

OCTC has invited our members to take part in their LINK course held the 1st Thursday of every month. This has been a great opportunity for members of both clubs to get together and for our members to train in a different environment. Thank you to Diana and the team at OCTC for making us welcome. We will also run the course at Taieri for members who can not make it to OCTC.

Uniforms

For those new to the club if you wish to purchase TCTC shirts, track pants or a shell jacket - please either email: bronny2@hotmail.com or leave your request in the uniform order book in the club shed. Shirts and track pants are \$40 and a shell jacket is \$100. We can order these at anytime.

Animals in Action

Cliff Anderson, photographer, has been at a number of dog events taking pictures of competing dogs. If you haven't visited Cliff's website, please do. You are likely to see a number of shots of you and your canine friend/s in action, photos are available for purchase - you'll find all the relevant information at: www.animalsinaction.net.

Link

Every year Taieri participates in the National Agility Link Association competition which runs annually from April to March. Each month (with December and January combined) a course is published by the national body for all participating clubs to run - precise measurements are given so that the course should be exactly the same each time it is set up. Taieri participates in the competition and all club members are welcome to give it a go - this provides a good opportunity to gain valuable 'coursework' experience. Once the club has run the event, the results are forwarded to the national body to be collated with all the other clubs in the country. The full list of results for financial members is published on the NALA website www.nala.org.nz. As well as competing as individuals, the top three scores are collated as a club team. The club competition is divided into four divisions with automatic promotion / relegation at the end of each year.

Last year Taieri competed in Division Two and had a very successful year placing first on four occasions, second once and third three times, to win the division ahead of 11 other teams and gain promotion to Division One. I think every handler who was financial and regularly participated made the team at least once during the year. Don Leckie and Bob, Vicky Fox and Gem, Rose Lock and Blitz, Rose and Cheyenne, and Richard Powley and Kellie were placed in the top 100 out of the 419 dogs that were registered and completed at least eight runs during the year to qualify.

Congratulations for last year's success and we hope to see more club members coming along to join in. It is open for all club members to participate (but only financial LINK members get their scores recorded). Watch out for your email telling you when the next LINK course will be run and we hope to see you there.



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