



# Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Inc.



*Best Gentleman Handler Award  
Terry Stephens (above)*



*Best Lady Handler Award  
Anne Lewis (above)*



*(Above)  
Best Junior Handler  
Award  
Hannah Leslie-O'Neill*



*Instructors Long Service Award  
Alice Peterson – 25 years of service as  
an instructor at BDOC*

*(Right)  
Lucy Williams (Agility  
Dog of the Year for  
Mini)  
John Riley & Lily  
(Obedience dog of the  
Year for Lily)  
Cassie Butterworth  
(Flyball Dog of the Year  
for Shadow)*



*Elaine Temby and Cassie Butterworth receive the Presidents  
Trophy. Both lost promising and talented dogs in 2009.*



Welcome fellow dog lovers to another year of dog training.

We especially welcome our new members and hope you have an enjoyable time working with your four-legged friends.

Please remember that for this session, all Sunday Canine Companion and Obedience classes start at 9.00am, avoiding that '10.30 wilting in the heat' which works against the enthusiasm of both dogs and humans.

Sadly, Ronnie Huriwai-Hawkes has left the Committee to return to New Zealand and we thank her for her work.

Wonderful news is that two members, Niccola Hardaker and Michelle Gilbey, have put up their hands and recently joined the Committee – a huge thank you to both. As a voluntary organisation, we rely on our members to keep the Club operating and the Committee is always on the lookout for people who can volunteer to help out at the Club, either in the office, in the clubhouse, or at working bees on the grounds. If you can help, please email me or drop into the office and leave your name and details.

I have been to the grounds a few times during the break and

appreciated how well our turf is looking. We are very lucky to be able to train on green grass. We are looking at renovating the turf and this will most likely involve closing sections of the grounds at some date.

For the first time, the 2009 annual Assessment Day and BDOC Award presentation was held on a Thursday evening instead of a Sunday morning. Despite the rain it was a great success and we will hold it on the Thursday evening again this year. Unfortunately more members were able to attend than we thought and we ran out of sausages for the free sausage sizzle, but next year, we promise to make sure we have plenty for everyone! Many thanks to members of the Committee (and their partners) and the instructors who planned assessment night and those who judged and stewarded for the assessments.

Congratulations to all our annual Award recipients – these are listed in the Newsletter.

Finally, we hope to run another Obedience Instructors course early this year. This involves giving up a weekend for theoretical and practical training and then committing to assisting classes under experienced instructors for practical work on the paddock. Please talk to your instructor or

give your name to the office if you are interested in becoming an instructor. Instructors are the backbone of the Club and find teaching other teams a very rewarding experience. Remember, you don't have to be in the obedience trialling classes to become an instructor.

Finally – SUPPORT YOUR CLUB. Help us to raise badly needed funds by coming to the Trivia Night. Details are elsewhere in the Newsletter and also on the website.

Happy dog training.

*Barbara Brown*  
President

## BDOC Committee 2009-10

### President/Acting Secretary

Barbara Brown  
**Vice-President**

Elaine Temby  
**Treasurer**

### Committee Members

Sally Berridge  
Rhonda Cameron  
Dean Gardiner  
Michelle Gilbey  
Niccola Hardaker  
Ray Leckie  
Carolyne Shives

Lucy Williams

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# BDOC Session Training Dates 2010



	Session 1 (8 weeks)		Session 2 (8 weeks)		Session 3 (7 weeks)		Session 4 (8 weeks)		Session 5 (8 weeks)	
	Thursday	Sunday	Thursday	Sunday	Thursday	Sunday	Thursday	Sunday	Thursday	Sunday
<b>Week 1</b>	28 Jan	31 Jan	8 April	11 April	17 June	20 June	5 Aug	8 Aug	7 Oct	10 Oct
<b>Week 2</b>	4 Feb	7 Feb	15 April	18 April	24 June	27 June	12 Aug	15 Aug	14 Oct	17 Oct
<b>Week 3</b>	11 Feb	14 Feb	29 April	2 May	1 July	4 July	19 Aug	22 Aug	21 Oct	24 Oct
<b>Week 4</b>	18 Feb	21 Feb	6 May	9 May	8 July	11 July	26 Aug	29 Aug	28 Oct	31 Oct
<b>Week 5</b>	25 Feb	28 Feb	13 May	16 May	15 July	18 July	2 Sept	5 Sept	4 Nov	7 Nov
<b>Week 6</b>	11 Mar	14 Mar	20 May	23 May	22 July	25 July	9 Sept	12 Sept	11 Nov	14 Nov
<b>Week 7</b>	18 Mar	21 Mar	27 May	30 May	29 July					
<b>Week 8</b>	25 Mar	28 Mar	3 June	6 June	29 July	1 Aug	16 Sept	19 Sept	18 Nov	21 Nov
<b>Assessment Day</b>										
<b>Assessment and Award Night</b>									25 Nov Assessment night for all, annual award presentation, BBQ	
<b>No training</b>	Thurs 1 April Sun 4 April Thurs 4 Mar Sun 7 Mar		Thurs 22 April Sun 25 April		Thurs 10 June Sun 13 June				Thurs 30 Sept Sun 3 October	
<b>Public Holidays</b>	Tues 26 Jan (Aust. Day) Fri 2 & Mon 5 April (Easter) Mon 8 Mar (Canberra Day)		Mon 26 April (Anzac Day)		Mon 14 June (Queens Birthday)		Mon 27 September (Family and Community Day)		Mon 4 October (Labour Day)	



## Some housekeeping issues for your attention

### ACCESS TO THE CLUB GROUNDS

Members who are attending BDOC classes are entitled to use the Club grounds at times other than when they are in use for scheduled classes or booked for other purposes such as training days and trials.

The gates are kept locked to safeguard the grounds and the access code is changed on a regular basis. Members who wish to gain access must register at the Office and the gate code will be provided to them.

All members are asked to follow the rules regarding the use of the grounds which are included in the Club Rules in the Members Handbook.

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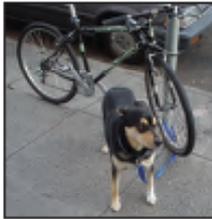
### REMINDERS ON GROUND USE ETIQUETTE

- Use of the grounds is reserved for financial Club members and their financial dogs who are attending regular classes (at least 75% of the classes). BDOC does not offer ground use only memberships.
- No use of grounds during scheduled class times, when a trial is in progress, or when the grounds are otherwise booked. See the notice board for scheduled class times in obedience, agility and flyball.
- Training takes precedence at all times – do not allow your dog to distract others.
- Do not enter a yard already in use without first checking with the current occupant.
- Limit your use to 10 minutes if others are waiting.
- Handlers must always have their dogs under control and be able to recall the dog at any time.
- Do not permit your dog to run along the fences.
- Do not leave your dog unattended.
- Always remove your dog's faeces immediately from the grounds and dispose of them in the bins provided. This includes the car parking areas.

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### PARKING

Please note that parking in front of the club house is for **instructors and committee members only**. Please join us in parking there – just become an instructor or a committee member!



CAN YOU READ THE BODY LANGUAGE OF THESE DOGS

# give me space

Having your dog tied up or even on lead restricts its ability to react naturally to dogs (or people) that approach. They can't run or hide if they are frightened or anxious. This can lead to dogs becoming nervous or even aggressive around other dogs.

Here are some suggestions to help limit problems and help make sure that your dog enjoys coming to school.

- ▶ Avoid letting your dog approach other dogs that are tied up.
  - ▶ Avoid tying your dog up in 'high traffic' areas (like right outside the clubhouse doors), and limit the amount of time you leave your dog unattended.
  - ▶ Before taking your dog up to 'say hello' to another dog, check with the dog's owner that it is okay to approach.
- **Learn how to recognise signs that your dog is stressed or over-excited.** If your dog starts to show these signs, move them away from other dogs. This gives them the space they need to feel comfortable, helps them relax and makes classes more fun for them and for you.

**Do not throw your cigarette butts away on our grounds  
– this includes the carparks.**

Cigarette butts are toxic to dogs, especially small puppies.

As well as being unsightly and dangerous, they are unwanted rubbish that has to be cleaned up.



**Place your butts in the bin where they belong.**



## **BDOC Awards 2009**

presented at the Annual Awards & Assessment Evening, 26 November 2009

### **Obedience Dog of the Year**

*Awarded to the dog which has been outstanding in its performance in obedience trialling and brought credit to this club, and in addition, the handler must have been active in the club and contributed towards the running of the Club.*

**John Riley & Lily  
(Greydove Cognac in Cream  
CDX)**

### **Agility Dog of the Year**

*Awarded to the dog which has been outstanding in its performance in agility trialling and brought credit to this club, and in addition, the handler must have been active in the club and contributed towards the running of the Club.*

**Lucy Williams & Mini  
(Cavregis Marilyn Merlot ADX,  
ADO, JDX, GD)**

### **Flyball Dog of the Year**

*Flyball Dog of the Year is voted on by the participating team handlers as being the dog-and-handler who contribute the most to the team during the year.*

**Cassie Butterworth &  
Shadow**

### **Best Lady Handler**

*This award is given to the lady and dog who the committee believes has presented the best team throughout the year.*

**Anne Lewis & Alvin  
(Watersmeet I'm Harry AD, JD,  
CCD)**

### **Best Gentleman Handler**

*This award is given to the gentleman and dog who the committee believes has presented the best team throughout the year.*

**Terry Stephens & Kazoo  
(Guntop True Grit CD)**

### **Best Junior Handler**

*The Club member under 18 years of age who has shown dedication and commitment to the training of their dog and has made commendable progress.*

**Hannah Leslie-O'Neill &  
Gilligan**

### **President's Trophy**

*This award is given to encourage members who have been financial for at least a year, to continue with dog obedience training after they have had a promising obedience dog which has been accidentally killed, or put down for medical reasons.*

**Cassie Butterworth &  
Shadow**

**Elaine Temby & Hilary**

**Erhan Edguer & Danny**



## **Chamberlain Award (or Perseverance Award)**

*This award is an acknowledgement and recognition of a club member who has a difficult dog but who has persevered with dedication to the training of their dog.*

**Meryl Causebrook & Sandy**

## **Stevie/Tessa Perpetual Novice Score Trophy**

*This trophy is awarded to the dog which achieves the single highest score at any official novice trial during the year towards their CD title.*

**Duncan (Ch Burrawan Balantine Beau CCD) & Cliff Brock**

## **Eva Memorial Trophy**

*Awarded to the dog who achieves the highest average score from three trials in achieving their Novice (CD) title.*

**Terry Stephens & Kazoo (Guntop True Grit CD)**

## **Most Improved Agility Dog Award**

**Anne Lewis & Alvin (Watersmeet I'm Harry AD, JD, CCD)**

## **Best Agility Dog and Best Jumping Dog Award**

**Lucy Williams & Mini (Cavregis Marilyn Merlot ADX, JDX, ADO, JD)**

## **Most Consistent Agility Dog Award**

**Lucy Williams & Tina (Cavregis Hermione, CD, ADM3 ADO6 JDM JD, GD, SPDX, SDX)**



**BDOC members and their dogs gained many titles between November 2008 and November 2009. Trophies to acknowledge the many hours of training involved in order to gain these titles were also presented at the annual awards and assessment evening.**

### **2009 Obedience Titles**

*Obedience titles are achieved by gaining a set number number of qualifications in an obedience trial. The first level is the CCD, followed by CD, then CDX, UD, UDX and finally Obedience Champion.*

**This year five teams achieved obedience titles.**

- Terrey Pitman & Devlin (Ch Yerevan Tasch Devlin CCD)**
- Anne Lewis & Alvin (Watersmeet I'm Harry CCD AD JD)**
- Dai Thomas & Bonnie (Burrawan Bluebonnets CD)**
- Terry Stephens & Kazoo (Guntop True Grit CD) (Terry & Kazoo also gained CCD)**
- John Riley & Lily (Greydove Cognac in Cream CDX)**

### **2009 Agility Titles**

*Agility titles are named in a similar way to obedience but dogs can compete in agility, jumping or games (which includes gamblers, snooker and strategic pairs) trials and receive qualifications in 4 levels in each of them. Thus a dog can be a JDM which is a masters jumping dog, the highest level, or a SD which is a snooker dog, the lowest level of title and finally also an Agility Champion.*

**This year nine teams achieved agility titles**

- Geoff Woodman & Kayley (Palkorra Ria Athena CCD ADM ADO JDM JDO SPD GD SD)**
- Geoff Woodman & Tammy (CH Perecca Tralee, AD, JDX)**
- Geoff Woodman & Xanthe (Perra Xanthe, CCD, JD)**
- Pam McDougall & Van Diemen CD, ADM, ADO, JDM, JDO, ET**
- Anne Lewis & Alvin (Watersmeet I'm Harry CCD AD JD)**
- Lucy Williams & Tina (Cavregis Hermione, CD, ADM<sub>3</sub> ADO<sub>6</sub> JDM JD, GD, SPDX, SDX)**
- Lucy Williams & Stella (Cavregis Graduation CD, ADM<sub>2</sub>, ADO<sub>3</sub>, JDM, JDO, GDX, SPD, SD)**
- Lucy Williams & Duke (Cagregia White Knight ADX, JDX, JDO, GD)**
- Lucy Williams & Mini (Cavregis Marilyn Merlot ADX, ADO, JDX, GD)**

### **2009 Flyball Titles**

*Teams racing in an Australian Flyball Association sanctioned competition receive one point towards their flyball title for each dog racing in that heat, when all four dogs complete the heat correctly without requiring any reruns.*

*If that team wins the heat each dog running will receive another point towards their Flyball title. The maximum number of title points per heat is two, therefore it takes at least three heats to earn the first title. It takes many competitions over a number of years to score the 700 points that earn the Flyball Master Excellent title. *Shoga is the first Bullet dog to achieve that title.**

- “Flyball Dog” (FD) to any dog receiving 5 points.*
- “Flyball Dog Excellent” (FDX) to any dog receiving 20 points.*
- “Flyball Dog Champion” (FDCh) to any dog receiving 50 points.*
- “Australian Flyball Champion” (AFCh) to any dog receiving 150 points.*
- “Flyball Master” (FM) Pin for any dog receiving 400 points.*
- “Flyball Master Excellent” (FMX) Pin for any dog receiving 700 points.*



This year, the following 16 teams achieved flyball titles

**Flyball Master Excellent**  
**Keiko Foster & Shoga**

**Flyball Dog Champion**  
**Mark Gaston & Eric**

**Flyball Master**  
**Lyn Clyde & Panda**  
**Daniel Fernandez & Sheppa**  
**Bert Stefaniak & Sprockette**  
**Jocelyn Taylor & Monty**  
**Carolyn Shrives & Ernie**  
**Max Darvill & Maddie**

**Australian Flyball Champion**  
**Rhonda Cameron & Jezebell**  
**Rhonda Cameron & Zeke**  
**Shannon McConachie & Chilli**  
**Ian McConachie & Bonnie**  
**Louise Sharp & Nala**  
**Cassandra Butterworth & Shadow**  
**Leigh Cameron & Max**  
**Michelle Gilbey & Woolly**

## **Passes at final assessment evening for 2009**

Thursday 26 November 2009

*The Silver and Gold assessments took a slightly different form for the final assessment night for the year. Teams tried out their behaviours at a number of different 'stations' manned by instructors.*

**These teams successfully gained their Silver Certificates:**



*Left to right: Brad Kane and Buffy, Andrew Craig and Indie, Bas Gintings and Punky Beau, Caroline Pappas and Deska*

**Encouragement Certificates for working towards the Silver level and gaining over 50% of marks were awarded to:**

Amanda Brust and Monty  
Elaine Harrison and Leo  
Terri McGrath and Farfel  
Sara Pearson and Gemma  
Wendy Proctor and Robbie  
Jane Robey and Induna  
Elizabeth Thomas and Coco  
Annette Tully and Banjo



## For your diary

### Support our club teams at the Canberra Show

It's that time of year again: the Canberra Royal Show is almost on our doorstep. And, as with past years, BDOC will have a large contingent of dogs competing in agility and flyball..

If you are going to the show, please keep an eye out for our dogs and spend some time on the sideline supporting them as they compete against dogs from all over the ACT and NSW.

**Agility** - The agility is on Sat 27th and Sun 28th Feb, starting at 9am both days and will be running most of the day until around 4pm (approx). It will be held in the dog show area, up near the goat sheds and opposite the Shell garage.

**Flyball** - To be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February, in the area between the Fitzroy and Coorong Pavilions

**Obedience** - There are no obedience trials at the show. They are held later in the year.

**YOUR DOG NEEDS YOU!**



**BDOC FUNDRAISER ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Come to a fun-filled evening of frivolity, trivia and entertainment and in the process support your dog club in purchasing much needed equipment.

WHERE: BELCONNEN LABOR CLUB

WHEN: 7.00 pm Friday 19 February 2010

PRE-PAID TABLES OF 10 COST \$100.00  
OR  
\$12.00 A HEAD FOR PAYMENT ON THE NIGHT

To avoid disappointment book your table now  
Email Rhonda Cameron at

**Please note:**

Meals will be available from the bistro of the club.

The bar will be open for drinks.

Bring your own nibbles, if you wish.

Payment is in cash only - there is an ATM in the club.

Hope to see you there!

**Also**

A poster (as pdf) will be available on the website for you to print out - or to email to your friends.