

FRANKSTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

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A Word From Our President

Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2015....

Here's hoping you all had a safe and Happy Christmas/New Year and that you are all ready to get back into sharing your Saturday afternoons with having fun whilst training your dogs and catching up with friends..

Annual Working Bee

Many thanks to those who attended our Annual Working Bee which was held on Saturday 31st January 2014 it was followed by our yearly Planning Meeting.

Once again we had a lot of members attending the day, who happily and very obligingly worked hard preparing our Club Rooms for 2015 for this I thank you (fantastic attendance by our Flyball members!) The Planning Meeting was also very well represented consequently we have a large wish list ☺



(a note for your diaries, next year's Working Bee/Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday 30th January 2015)

Children and Dogs

Please give any dogs that are tethered some space and please watch your children, should your child wish to say hello or pat a dog firstly the owner of the dog must be asked if their dog would feel comfortable being approached by a child. No child is to move toward a tethered dog under any circumstance.

Every member of FDOC needs to be responsible for their children and dogs.

New Instructors Training Course

Any offers of assistance will

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be greatly appreciated, just to plant a seed we will be opening a new instructor's course later in the year. Should anyone be interested in attending this course for 2015 please give Pat Mattingly (Our Head Instructor) a call on 97871013 (before 8pm)

A Word From Our President Continued...

Agility

Up at Agility. Carole Denehey one of Our Instructors will be having a very busy time competing with her dogs consequently Carole will no longer be able to instruct for us. You will be missed Carole as your instruction had been invaluable. Thank You Carole for all of your help to so many, including myself.

We will look forward to catching up with you here at FDOC or at a trial having fun with your fur kids.

Regards
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*"There are no bad days
when you come home to the
love of a dog"*

Having a Ball: Flyball News

The Frankston Storm Flyball Teams have been training and competing hard representing Frankston Dog Obedience Club all over the state. With record numbers of competition level dogs this year we are running 4 - 5 teams at local competitions and 2 - 3 teams at distant competitions.

We have recently welcomed Colby, Lily and Stryker into our teams, all of whom have trained long and hard to get there and consequently have raced exceptionally well in

their debut performances!

We have two of our hard working members learning the ropes as to become flyball instructors this year. We look forward to working with Jacinta Wellsted and Charles Murton as they work with our current instructors to assist our many beginner dogs on their journey to competition.

On Saturday 14th March we hosted an open competition at the City of Kingston Pet Expo in Dingley. As always it was a great success thanks to the help of our many



amazing members who were there Friday afternoon setting up and before sunrise Saturday morning continuing the job.

Flyball is tonnes of fun for both dogs and handlers! If your dog is over 12 months and loves to fetch a ball why not come along a give it a try. New members are welcome every Saturday at 11:30am. Please bring your dog on a flat collar or harness with their favorite treat or toy!

Flyball News Continued...

The Flyball Nationals 2015 – Canberra Royal Agricultural Show

Nine wide eyed travelers hit the track
Past Seymour - Holbrook – Gundagai
From Frankston we drove there and back
Intention was to reach the sky

All fifteen dogs, they travelled well
Some time to rest and break for play
Prepared for test – the time will tell
We found the grounds at break of day

There's Jodie, steady straight and keen
And Pip, reliable, always bright
Brown Coco, focused, fast and lean
And Lily Snag, the crowds delight

Then Ash the flash surprises all
And Morgans extra training sticks
It's clear that Chad, he has a ball
And Bowie, always pulls the tricks

Dear Willow overcame the test
And Jovi gives it all then some
Now Colby novice with no rest
Amber and Maya - their day will come

And in the tent sit Poppy and Jay
Just came along to make the day

Glory for Frankston Obedience Club
We worked so hard and helped our friends
We carried home the shining cup
It feels like triumph never ends

There is no doubt we owe it all
To each and every member here
And all the ones back home on call
Encouraging from afar and near

Louise Hamilton



Recent Competition Results

Bass Coast Show

Lightning Bolts – 3rd
Blizzards – 1st
Hurricanes – 1st
Chasers – 2nd

Seymour Agricultural Show

Lightning Bolts – 3rd
Blizzards – 1st
Chasers – 2nd

Berwick Show

Lighting Bolts – 1st
Blizzards – 1st
Hurricanes – 1st
Chasers – 2nd

National Championships

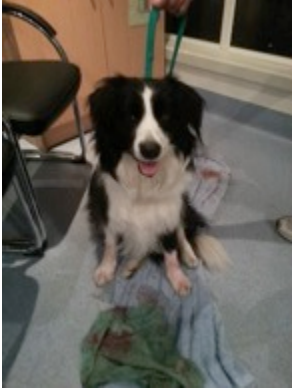
Tornadoes – 5th
Chasers – 1st

Kingston Pet Expo

Lighting Bolts – 3rd
Blizzards – 1st
Hurricanes – 3rd



Molly's Story



I began my association with the FDOC in 1996 with my previous Border Collie, Jess. Back

then the club was located at Worland Park, which for most of the year was a swamp. It doesn't seem that long ago that I was sitting in puppy class with Penny. How time flies!

Eventually I had to face that time we all dread and say goodbye to Jess, a loyal companion for 15 years. Like a lot of people, I wasn't sure if I was ready for another dog. One night whilst looking up Jess' Breeder I noticed they had photos of her father and grandfather. I sent an email enquiring if they had any puppies from the same family line as Jess. I felt this was the only way I could replace her. Eventually the reply came that they did and in 2011 along came Molly.

Molly has been for the most part a pleasure to live with. With the typical intelligence the breed is known for, she picks up new commands easily but being spoilt (I can't resist that cheeky face!) concentrates less and will sometimes challenge me when no treat is on offer.

In her first year it was obvious she had an obsession for the tennis ball and I had a feeling

Flyball may be the way to go. After waiting for her first birthday we approached the Flyball area and were soon welcomed by all the under-appreciated volunteers who give up their time every Saturday.

Molly took to Flyball like a duck to water and was doing full runs in only a few short weeks. She was especially excited on competition days and really seemed to be motivated by the gathered crowd. She quickly gained her FD, FDX and FDCh titles.

Molly was around 18 months when she put me through our first bad experience. Late one evening she decided to chase a possum that was running along the fence. Unfortunately she was inside the house at the time and went straight through the kitchen window. This resulted in a few unwanted hours at the AEC being stitched up in the early morning. Molly as usual was completely unfazed and was more interested in licking the tasty red stuff that was all over her front.

At the age of three, I noticed she was occasionally showing signs of discomfort in her rear left leg. The initial Vet diagnosis was inconclusive. I came home one day to find her lying in a heap in the back yard. The end result being a Tibial Plateau Levelling Osteotomy (TPLO) of the rear right leg. I reiterated my concerns about her left leg and the vet sympathetically agreed that a

lot of dogs who do one leg, usually do the other. (I can't help thinking part of him was visualising his new boat or perhaps an overseas holiday!)

Molly went through her rehab again with little concern. Being confined for weeks at a time is no easy task for a Border Collie. On the very day of her final checkup for her right leg she did the Left leg resulting in a second TPLO and another 8 weeks of rehab. We have had the last 12 months without incident and I have recently been getting back into obedience training.

Although we can no longer compete at Flyball, I recently returned a wayward ball to the Flyball area during some off lead obedience training. Molly saw her chance and bolted over to the unloaded box, attacking it with vigour trying to get it to produce a tennis ball. I did let her have a couple of runs over the puppy jumps and after a 12 month break, she was straight back doing full runs. I still sometimes cringe as Molly charges around the back yard at warp speed, seeing off intruding birds with little to no regard as to the cost of those legs.

Mark Herbstreit



KEY DATES

21th July – Members Competition

18th September – ‘On the Fly’ Flyball Competition at FDOC grounds

11th October – Frankston Dog Obedience Club Open Obedience Trial at KCC

28th November – Members Competition

5th December – break up/games day

Saturday 12th December – AGM - 11am

Saturday 12th December - Presentation evening at Chelsea RSL

30th January 2015 – Working bee and planning meeting

6th February 2015 – Training returns



FDOC Welcomes it's Newest Members

Bronwyn Rhime sand Lucus
 Robyn Stone and Panda
 Tony Brown and Indie
 Gerard, Cathy & Emilt
 Heijden and Kelly
 Nina Kampf and Colin & Ollie
 Maggie Cooper and Cinnamon
 Jacqueline Dartnell and Bella
 Kathleen & Luke Trewin and Harley
 Kristy & James Hinton-Roberts and Ari
 Bev Tremayne and Sasha
 Sara & David Claudius-Tudor and Taco
 Nola & Cokin Arnold and Ashie
 Katy, Lucy & Harry
 McMillan and Olley
 Siobhan March and Hector
 Jamie Sherring and Teddy
 Skye & Ellie Peele-O'Brien and Romeo
 Timothy & Barbara White and Dexter
 Breigh Evans-Holt and Aria
 Roxie Toull and Jaxson
 Geordi & Joyce Fleming and Luna
 Marilyn Stewart and Jed
 Louise Noble and Slim
 Jarrod & Kelly Eising and Bandit
 Gavin, Diane & Rob Wise and Berlin, Abbra & Gatto
 Tasmyn Massey and Missy
 Jucinda & David Smith-Meades and Chewy
 Tasha & Daniel Sharp-Fritze and Gypsy

Michelle & Garry Keirnan-Bryne and Cooper
 Mary & Ian Tredinick and Boof
 Michael Toomer and Maxwell
 Jason & Angela Charlton and Bella
 Angela & David O'Connor and Chloe
 Helen & Tom Barrett and Solo
 Mavis Paech and Susie
 Christine Gawly and Izzy
 Sonia & Gavin Leahy and Colby
 Barbara Hunter and Peaches
 Patricia Dodds and Maggie
 Nicole, Brett & Brandon
 Manion and Cocoa
 Richard & Kim Dourson and Deezil
 Susan & Pamela Terdich-Shah and Gemma & Ricky
 Christine Webb and Sally
 Karen & Tanie Spry-Calder and Gracie
 Phillipa Royces and Abby
 Steven and Robyn Andrews and Abby
 Tracey & Kevin Georgie and Peppa
 Paul Good and Cookie
 Kaje Mussared and Effie
 Bill Wood and Max
 Wendy & Craig Williams and Fletcher
 Debbie and Cooper and Bossco
 Jasmin Underwood and Lucy
 Tess Ryan and Leo
 Anna Tassell and Rosie
 Samatha Hingston and Molly
 Luke & Kylie Taylor-Chamberlain and Dorothy

New Members Continued...

Sarah & Andy Stewart-Jacobs and George
 Loan Chidlow and Rosie
 Racharl & Leigh Naglitsch-Metherall and Bella & Lucy
 Chris & Amy Warburton and Basil
 Tony Lester and Tucker
 Paul & Stephanie Birnstihl and Nathan
 Gary Spicer and Scamp
 Rebecca Jack and Hugo
 Lizzie Grubb and Chilli
 Betty Ashton-Bell-Hexter and Morrie & Socks

Chloe & Brandon Plese-Bartolomei and Narla
 Daniel Frankas and Josh
 Abra & Travis Osborne and Magic
 Charlie Fogarasy and Lucy
 Caterina & Angelo
 Mastroianni and Ruby
 Bropke Moon and Bonnie & Fletch
 Kym, Brenton & Elly
 Buettner-Horne and Axel
 Damian & Natalia Klarica and Harvey

Every effort has been made to correctly include all members. Please accept my sincerest apologies if there have been any errors or omissions.

Some reminders

Please tether your dogs in the provided area when you sign in for classes. Dogs should not be at the kiosk area.

Please keep an eye on dogs with yellow coats or bandanas and give these dogs plenty of room when you are moving around them.



Do you have an interesting story about your dog? If you have a story you think other club members would be interested to read about in the FDOC newsletter please email the editor at flyball@fdoc.org.au

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Ian Smith



Meet Matt Sharp Our President's Award Recipient for 2014

Tell us a bit about yourself?

I'm in my 30's and currently work full time in the plastics industry. I used to work a lot..... up to 60 hours per week. Business has slowed down in the last couple of years and my job may not exist beyond 2017. Last year, I completed a certificate III at TAFE which will enable me to look for work as an Operating Theatre Technician or as a Patient Services Assistant (PSA).

Because of the hours and rotating shifts I do, I don't have a dog of my own. It would be mean to leave a dog couped up in the backyard for over 8 hours while I'm at work. That's why I get involved with my Dads dogs, Stevie G and Kenny. The dogs are very much family to me and its nice that I can sometimes look after them giving my Dad some respite. I also like to go cycling..... in particular mountain biking. James introduced me to mountain biking a couple of years ago when we went for a ride at Lysterfield, and I've been keen on it ever since.

How did you get involved with FDOC?

At the time Dad only had Stevie G. He had been going to FDOC to learn some basic obedience and the flyball activity caught his attention. I followed him down there one weekend to have a look and I thought it was fantastic. It is obvious to anyone who watches flyball how much the dogs love it.

Shortly after Dad needed to go into hospital for an operation and this left me to step in and help out with looking after Mum and Stevie G. I took Stevie G to his training at FDOC and I really enjoyed it. Even when Dad was back, I kept going down there because it is fun..... and there is always something I can do to help.

Tell us a bit about your involvement with FDOC?

On a typical weekend I tow the team trailer from my Dads house to the grounds. I help with setting up the runs and then I assist with training. My most common role is box loader for the team. This requires me to have a ball loaded in the box ready for the dog which is running down toward me. Through regular practice, I've got to know which dog uses which ball and which side of the box they turn toward. I also assist with training some of the beginners and I keep tabs on what is happening with the teams equipment. At competitions I pretty much box load for the teams. I have box loaded for as many as 4 teams at any one event. Sometimes I've been called upon to do timekeeping as well.

It is an important job, but it's all paperwork and you're stuck in the tent for the duration of the day.

2 other things I've been involved in are the design of the teams logo and the design of the team trailer. Designing the trailer was a project where I worked closely with James, and I do feel a sense of pride in how the trailer turned out.

What do you love most about FDOC?

FDOC is made up of a group of great people. The whole place works so well simply because there are so many people prepared to roll up their sleeves and pitch in with the various jobs that need to be done.

Some of the people I've met at FDOC are very hard working for example, Kim in the Canteen or our flyball team co ordinator Lauren. Compared to them, I don't feel like I do much at all!

It's always fun to go down there on a Saturday and play with all the dogs on the team.

Anything else you'd like to add?

In the last 5 years I have witnessed the flyball team grow. At first there were barely enough dogs to run 1 team. Now we have enough trained dogs to run up to 5 teams at a competition. Our team members are all enthusiastic, but most of all the dogs love to do it. If it wasn't for the hard work of our team co ordinator Lauren, it would be near impossible to run a team this size. The flyball activity is only getting bigger and better..... and I'm happy just to be a part of it.



Tracking News

Calling all trackers,

Now the cooler weather has arrived the tracking season is about to start, so grab your socks 'n' dogs for the first training session at 8:00am, on Saturday the 11th of April at Baxter park.

For all trackers who are ready for their test one, it will commence on Sat 11th and Sun 12th of April. Entries close 27th of March. For more info on this and future tracks visit www.trackingclubvic.org.au.

Just a few things you will need for beginners training include:

1. A minimum of three old socks
2. Some training treats
3. A small sealed container of tasty treats

For more info regarding our training sessions speak to Melanie or John our resident tracking gurus.

Albert

Driving Miss Daisy TD

I first started tracking training 2 years ago with Daisy (my chocolate Labrador), Daisy was really enjoying the training and then last year I decided to take Daisy to some tracking trials to see how we would go.

Our first test was terrible but I had a lot of encouragement from my friends so I decided to continue. We did Test 1 again at Broadford and we passed, we then went to Morwell for Test 2 and after Daisy has a stand-off with a cow who was following her, and also after the Judge and Steward stopped laughing and taking photos we then

continued with our test which we also passed. We then did Test 3 at Inverleigh which we passed and it gave Daisy her Tracking Dog Title, (Daisy's registered name with Dogs Victoria is Driving Miss Daisy TD), Daisy has also passed Test 4 and I will be continuing taking Daisy to tracking tests and I am also starting Lucy with her first test in April.

Even though it is early morning starts with tracking you get to really enjoy yourself and meeting others as the people come from all over the state to do their tracking tests.

Fran Mills



Members Competition Results For March 2015

Obedience

Beginners 1

- 1st – Taylor Dearen and Monty
 2nd – Pam Shah and Gemma
 3rd – Cameron Church and Lexi

Beginners 2

- 1st – Jenny Pepper and Delilah
 2nd – Amanda Taylor and Benny
 3rd – Ian Smith and Lily

Pink

- 1st – Stephanie Johnson and Peppa
 2nd – Eileen Foley and Ruby
 3rd – Jenny Pepper and Delilah

Yellow

- 1st – Janice James and Leah
 2nd – Albert Dearden and Teddy
 3rd – Diane Gnieslaw and Jodie

CCD

- 1st – Mailie Gibson and Blue
 2nd – Stuart Thompson and Nitro
 3rd – Taylor Dearden and Reggie

Novice

- 1st – Janice James and Zarlie

Open

- 1st – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow
 2nd – Jenny Peppa and Jemima
 3rd – Pat Mattingley and Deltah

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- 1st – Pat Mattingley and Deltah
 2nd – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow

Veterans

- 1st – Janice James and Bundy
 2nd – Andre Torpy and Banjo



*Thank you to 4 legs for
your ongoing sponsorship*

Rally Obedience Advanced

- 1st – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow
 2nd – Melanie Larcombe and Eris
 3rd – Helen Campbell and Minx

Rally Obedience Beginners

- 1st – Diane Gnieslaw and Jodie
 2nd – Stuart Thompson and Nitro
 3rd – Melanie Larcombe and Steel

Flyball



Division 1

- 1st – Chad and Wesley (Handled by Paul Louziotis and Megan Underwood)
 2nd – Dakota and Darcy (Handled by Taylor Dearden and Natasha Sleep)
 3rd – Kenny and Rufus (Handled by David Sharp and Romaine Berenger)

Division 2

- 1st – Bowie and Morgan (Handled by James Wood and Ann Harlond)
 2nd – Reggie and Stevie G (Handled by Taylor Dearden and David Sharp)
 3rd – Jodie and Renee (Handled by Diane Gnieslaw and Joyce Millsom)

Beginners

- 1st – Jed (Handled by Sue McCracken)
 2nd – Amber (Handled by Diane Gnieslaw)
 3rd – Ty (Handled by Danielle Marsh)

Recalls

- 1st – Georgie (Handled by Robert Pastello)
 2nd – Maya (Handled by Paul Louziotis)
 3rd – Monty (Handled by Taylor Dearden)



Agility News and Members Competition Results

What a glorious day, perfect for being outdoors with our dogs and doggy friends. A great entry of 39 runs was received for this event.

Many thanks to our new judge Scott Fletcher who provided some challenging courses that were beautifully 'nested' to allow for rapid course changes. After a poor start by the masters competitors, who clearly had got up too early, our less experienced dogs showed how it should be done.

The finale, Beginners Agility, was particularly impressive. Most of these handlers and dogs had never competed before yet put on an excellent display.

Thanks also to all the competitors who hopped in to carry out the stewarding jobs and course building.

Sandy Shepard

Masters Jumping

- 1st Sue Kerwin and Flynn
- 2nd Penny Roberts and Izzie
- 3rd Sandy Shepard and Sassi

Excellent Jumping

- 1st Anne Rogers and Dash
- 2nd Donna Merrilees and Link

Novice Jumping Trialed

- 1st Marg Boreham and Penny
- 2nd Leonie Jasper and Lucy

Novice Jumping not Trialed

- 1st Joanne McComiskie and Jack
- 2nd Jannelle Carlile and Emmy
- 3rd Megan Underwood and Wesley

Masters Agility

- 1st Penny Roberts and Izzie
- 2nd Leonie Jasper and Cooper
- 3rd Karolyn de Graauw and Phoebe

Excellent Agility

- 1st Sue Kerwin and Flynn
- 2nd Donna Merrilees and Flex
- 3rd Anne Rogers and Dash

Novice Agility Trialed

- 1st Marg Boreham and Penny
- 2nd Donna Merrilees and Link

Novice Agility Not Trialed

- 1st Cathy Jaques and Missy
- 2nd Jannelle Carlile and Emmy

Beginner Agility

- 1st Pam Cartledge and Skipper
- 2nd Karolyn de Graauw and Eli
- 3rd Judy Tricker and Snoopy



Farwell to an old friend

VALE Brodie FMX



Brodie was a champion flyball dog. In his heyday he was one of the fastest height dogs in the state running low 4 seconds over 11" jumps. Brodie loved life and lived it to the fullest every day. At flyball he was a nutcase, barking and straining on the lead desperate to get into the ring. At home he was a spoilt family member who loved spending time with his family. He could chase a ball for hours, and knew which ball was his. You could throw his ball into the children's ball pit and he would dive in and emerge with his tennis ball, leaving all the children's balls untouched! He will be dearly missed, both by his family and by the entire flyball community. RIP Brodes!



The 2010 Frankston Flyball Team

2015 ROLES

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