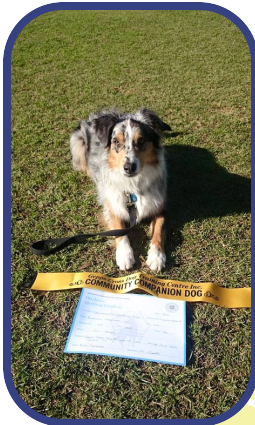
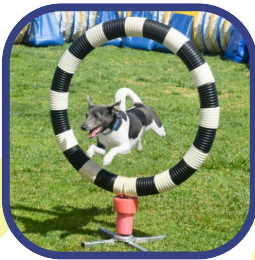
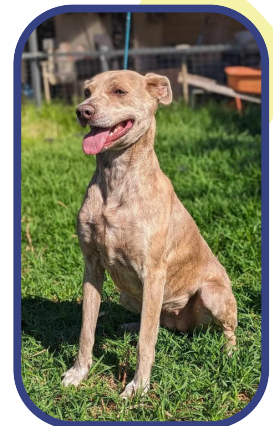


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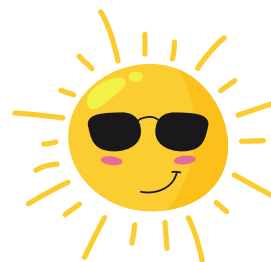
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# Bulletin Board

## Change To Hot Weather Policy

Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology website or app for the **Salisbury** area (previously Elizabeth). If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury, training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken the day before training.



## No Treats On The Ground Please!

We kindly ask that all treats remain on your person. If you can't, please ensure these are kept in a sealed container.

## Help Needed In The Canteen

Once again we ask if anyone can help or better still run the canteen on a Sunday morning from 9am till 11am. Toasting of ham and cheese sandwiches and toasting fruit bread would be all that is required. Coffee and Tea is self serve so if you feel you or your partner or friend could help us out please see Sharon Page or Julian Stokes on a Sunday and we will show you what to do.

All stock will be provided for you.

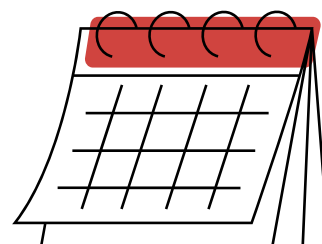


Congratulations to **Jess Baker** on achieving your Flyball Provisional Judges license!

Congratulations to **Dianne Thrussell** on becoming a life member of the club!

## Save the Date!

- 20/04/2024: Agility & Jumping trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 23/04/2024: Scent Work trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 27/04/2024: Scent work Trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 04/05/2024: Flyball competition at Jenkins Reserve.
- 14/05/2024: Scent Work trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 22/05/2024: Scent Work trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 05/06/2024: Scent Work trial at Jenkins Reserve



# Celebrating 60 Years at PDODC!

## The History of Para District Obedience Dog Club

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc was formed at a meeting of 17 people on February 1st 1964.

PDODC has come a long way in more than 60 years to what it is today. At that 1964 meeting club colours were decided as navy and gold. A prize of 1 guinea (\$2.10) was offered for the best badge design. A joint effort resulted in our current badge.

A club 'News Sheet' was organised to keep members informed of news, and members' progress and achievements. Today the club magazine is called the 'Slipcollar'.

A social committee was formed and a building fund started on March 25, 1965 using a piggy bank. This piggy bank was taken around classes each week, and profits from tea money and socials also went into the piggy bank.

On June 10, 1965 a light, almost white part shepherd called 'Flash' gained PDODC's first CD title. Flash was owned and trained by Brian Fagan who was, unfortunately, killed in a road accident in 1978. Flash was also the club's first titled Companion Dog Excellent and Utility Dog.

The first training ground was Happy Home Reserve but there was a move to Halbury Road Reserve in 1966.

In 1968 enough funds were raised to build a toilet block at a cost of \$1,200.00.

The year 1968 is also remembered for the visit from the author of 'Dog Training Made Easy', Michael Tucker. He was a dog trainer with more than 30 years experience who gained his qualifications working with the Blind Dog Association in England and Melbourne. Mr Tucker took Classes 3 and 6, and was impressed at the training methods Para District used.

John Holmes, a well known trainer and author, was also impressed by the training methods on a later visit to the club.

The club became incorporated on April 17, 1972 and was thriving with 270 members in 1969; growing to 418 in 1970; 443 in 1972 and levelling out in the 1980s to a steady 500/550.

Problems arose at Halbury Road and the club moved to its present grounds at Jenkins Reserve on December 12, 1977. The new PDODC clubhouse and training ground was officially opened by the Salisbury Mayor, Harry Bowey. Later the clubhouse was named Len Lomas Memorial Building; a dedication to the well-respected Life Member and Head Instructor for 5 years. Len Lomas was a diligent worker for the club before his untimely death in January 1981. Hilda Lomas (Len's wife) as some of you may remember ran the shop for many years. The shop was a table that Hilda sat behind and every week she'd be there what ever the weather. The Plaque on the Verahndar is aptly named the Hilda Lomas Verahnder.

Agility was introduced in 1987 and PDODC held its first trial on June 23, 1991. Today many PDODC members train and successfully trial in agility and jumping.

There are many obedience photos and trophies of past and present members in the club's canteen.

# Celebrating 60 Years at PDODC!

For more than 60 years, Para District Obedience Dog Club members have been successful in dog sports, through their training with the club.

Flyball came to PDODC in 2004 and today the club has four competitive teams, with many more in training.

Even better, training with us gives our members the confidence and knowledge to train their dog so it becomes a wonderful, family pet once they leave our training ground. Basic to Advanced Obedience is recommended for all dogs regardless of breed, age or size.

This year 2024 the club reaches a milestone of 60 years. The club has approximately 350 members, does a variety of disciplines, and excels in all competitive areas.

- Obedience
- Rally Obedience
- Agility & Jumping
- Flyball
- Scent Work
- Tricks

*Statistics current at the time of writing.*

# President's Report

G'day everyone and welcome back to another year of training, although, as I write, it is nearly March and, besides a couple of agility, scent work and flyball training nights, we have been beaten by the weather on every Sunday obedience training day. Oh well, we are the driest state in the driest continent, so no surprises there, although four weeks in a row is a record.

As it's a new year, I would like to thank all the committee members and all other helpers that helped out last year. Remember, we are all volunteers and we all work hard to ensure that we have the best club around. As we really haven't had much happen at the club yet, there isn't much to report.

We have many new members on the committee and, after one meeting, it sounds as though we have some great ideas in the making. Exciting times ahead.

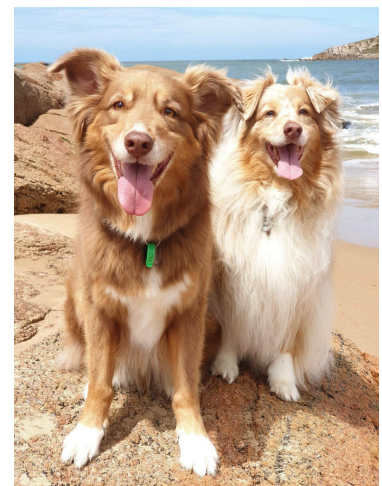
On 22 September, we are participating again in Mawson Lakes Dogs Day Out. We had a fantastic day last year with plenty of dogs to do flyball, agility and obedience demos. I even got interviewed on community radio.

With all the comps on nowadays, we have some flyball and obedience dogs, but, apart from my dog Loki, no agility dogs at this stage. We are not asking for top trialling dogs, but if you're in pre-trial class as a minimum and okay off lead, we need some dogs and handlers. It's a good, fun day and basically just a few jumps and tunnels. Come on, give it a go and support your club. It's just for fun and the crowd loves it when the dogs mess up. Let Chrissy, Michelle, or myself know if you are interested.

Are you bored in obedience? Do you want to change things up? Well, why not join in the fun class? It's a little bit of obedience, a little bit of agility and a whole lot of fun. This class was designed for older or non-trialling dogs. If you're in grade 3 and good off lead, then join in. It's a non-graded class and is ideal if you feel stale or stuck in a rut and might make you feel invigorated. Remember, obedience is not just walking up and down and sitting, this may just be the fun break you need.

That's about it for now. See you at the club.

*Julian Stokes  
Club President*



# Obedience Report

Hello everyone and welcome to our club here at Para. Writing this report today is a bit difficult, as usually we start back after the Christmas holiday break on the first Sunday in February.

Welcoming all the new members with their puppies to start their journey of learning new exercises to becoming a well adjusted canine companion. Whilst in previous years this has somewhat been a problem with the temperatures being extremely high in February, we usually have run classes probably missing a couple of Sundays. Unfortunately this year it has been absolutely unbelievable that every Sunday in February the temperature has risen above our hot weather policy.

As new members to the club this year, I would just like to explain this policy for future reference for you all. If the temperature on the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) app on Saturday forecasts 32 degrees or over for SALISBURY, then classes are automatically cancelled. Although as your head instructor I do usually post it up on our Facebook page.

You have all made a great and rewarding choice to train your puppies and I sincerely hope you all enjoy the journey you are undertaking. By the time your puppy reaches 12 weeks old it will be testing its surroundings and its owners to determine where it stands in the pack order. By standing up and being the pack leader of the home, you not only tell your dog that you are in charge and they need to obey your commands, it also assures them that they feel safe and loved, and are well taken care off. This reduces stress and anxiety, and relaxes your dog too. So please enjoy your training. I can assure you both you and your dog will make many friends at the club. They really enjoy coming to doggy school and get really excited when they reach the grounds.

Many of you are new dog owners, so if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to your instructor or to me personally.

I would just like to outline to new members how our classes are formatted. We have 3 puppy classes running. Puppies get graduated as soon as they have grasped and are executing the desired exercises. From puppies they go into a Learners class for more instruction, then on to class 1-2-3-4, and lastly 5. I do emphasise however that there is no set time to graduating. Like children some dogs and handlers need more time to get things right, that is certainly not a failing. Go at your own pace. Remember practice, perseverance, and above all else patience is what is needed to reach wonderful results. Have dreams and aspirations to achieve your obedience goals.

Obedience training, I sincerely believe, is one of the hardest disciplines to conquer, but the rewards are magnificent. I can personally assure you its true from my own achievements I have gained with my own dogs. We have a team of excellent instructors on hand who can teach you to train your dog to an excellent standard.

Lastly just a reminder that we are all volunteers striving to make the club as successful as possible. Therefore if you can help in any capacity whatsoever, it would be highly appreciated.

Thank you and happy training.

*Jan Cooper  
Head Obedience Instructor*





# Flyball Report

Welcome to Flyball 2024. For those who may not have heard of it before, Flyball is the ultimate game of fetch for dogs. It is a relay race between two teams of four dogs. Each dog must go over four jumps, trigger the Flyball box to retrieve a ball and then return over four jumps in relay style. The first team to complete the race correctly wins.

Flyball is fast and loud. Dogs of all sizes and breeds are welcome. If you enjoy being part of a team and your dog loves to retrieve a ball, run, jump, bark, eat treats and generally act a bit crazy then this is the sport for you. Come and join the fun.

Flyball training is held on Monday nights at 6.30pm. Dogs need to be 12 months of age to start training and have some basic off leash control. Come and give it a try.

Para will be hosting three competitions this year. They will be held on:

- Saturday 4th May at Para grounds
- Saturday 31st August at The Adelaide Royal Show
- Saturday 26th October at The Prospect Spring Fair

I am always looking for helpers at our competitions. If you might be interested in stewarding for us please come and see me. Stewarding is easy and very entertaining. All the rules will be explained to you. Basically you get to sit all day and watch dogs have the time of their life.



I am also looking for someone to cook a BBQ breakfast and lunch for us at our May 4th competition. If you can help on this day please see me.

*Rebecca Knapp*  
*Head Flyball Instructor*

# Agility Report

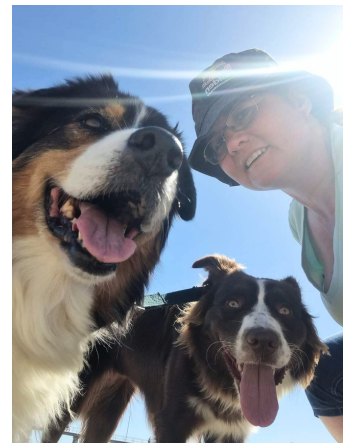
Welcome to Agility at PDODC for 2024! We have had a busy start to the year with around 20 new dogs starting agility so far this year.

To start agility your dog needs to be at least 6 months old and must have some basic obedience, especially a great recall and focus. We do intakes for new dogs the first training Friday of each month. Training is at 6:30pm Friday nights.

We have been lucky that we have only missed a couple of training sessions due to hot weather. If training is cancelled for any reasons, there will be a post put on the Para Facebook page.

If you're not sure what agility is, we have a trail coming up on the 20th April. It is a double trail so we will start at 9am and it will run all day at the club grounds. Come down and have a look, there will be dogs just starting to trial through to those experienced dogs in Masters.

*Chrissy Dalla Valle*  
*Head Agility Instructor*



# Scent Work Report

While 2024 has only just begun it has been a busy few months in the world of scent work at PDODC. Over the Christmas break PDODC continued to run a number of scent work trials which were well attended, and returned some very good results for our members. There were also a number of mock trial and training days held. Again these were well attended and not only provided valuable learning opportunities for our members but also allowed for some trainee judges training and some training of new scent work instructors from Gawler Dog Training Club. As always, a big thank you to everyone that helped out at the trials and training in any way. It does make me very proud to see people at training and trials all supporting each other and making it a great trial experience regardless of their performance at the trial.

Since training has resumed on a Thursday night numbers have been very strong. It has also been fantastic to see everyone willing to help each other out and in particular help support our newer teams. While it may look chaotic at times everyone is going home happy and teams are continuing to improve their skills. The first beginners course of the year has also kicked off with another 9 teams starting their training in the sport. By the time this report goes to print the indoor training at Angle Vale would also have resumed with the first 3 months of training already fully booked. There is also the plan for a couple of training seminars that will be available in relation to scent work. These are focused not just on the practical skills for scent work but also helping handlers understand some of the important theoretical concepts involved in the sport.

Towards the end of April PDODC will host the first of its official ANKC trials for 2024. Last year in April the club was the first to offer Excellent level elements in South Australia, and this year it will be the first to hold Masters level elements. Masters is currently the highest level of competition available and not only will the club be offering elements at that level, but will also have a number of members entered in Masters. During April there are also a number of workshops and individual training sessions being offered facilitated again by Jo Bates from Victoria. These were very well received last year and a great opportunity for PDODC and the wider scent work community. After April there are already plans for a trial in May, September and October with another few dates to be added as single element trials across the year.....so watch this space.

For me personally I plan on continuing to travel as much as I possibly can to judge, trial and train. Travelling for me isn't just about being able to compete with my dogs but also being able to learn from the experienced judges, trainers and competitors interstate. It also allows me to better prepare our members for what lies ahead having already had the opportunity to compete at Masters a couple of times. PDODC members are doing very well at all levels of competition and easily has the biggest number of members trialling in the state, so I want to continue to do everything I can to keep that standard. If you ever want to see what the sport is about feel free to come down to training on a Thursday night (just no dogs please) or look out for a call for helpers at a trial. See you at training.

*Carmel Nottle*  
*Head Scent Work Instructor*



# Tricks Report

Tricks training has recommenced on the limited club days we have had so far this year. A few new faces have joined training. A Tricks trial was held in February at Gawler on a hot evening . We had about 10 dogs representing Para club with a few dogs in every level from Starters to Advanced, a couple trialling for the first time, most did very well with passes and placing.

Until next time!

*Peggy Stewart  
Tricks Instructor*



# Obedience Graduations

Congratulations to all of the PAWSOME pups and handlers who have graduated recently!

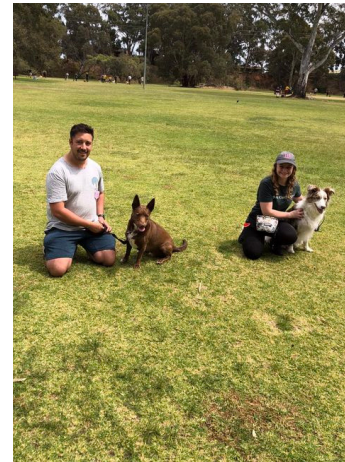
## October 2023

### Class 3 to 4

Adrian & Millie  
Sandie & Copper  
Nonie & Sabre  
Steve & Tux  
Robert & Willow



Team of the Month  
Robert and Willow  
(Class 3 to 4)



Team of the Month  
Courtney and Luna  
Michael and Milo  
(Class 4 to 5)

### Class 4 to 5

Shirley & Indie  
Scott - Kim & Lucy  
Courtney & Luna  
Michael & Milo

## November 2023



Team of the Month  
Jane and Harriet  
(Class 1 to 2)



Team of the Month  
Renee and Baxter  
(Class 2 to 3)

### Class 1 to 2

Sean & Tilley  
Olessia & Bailey  
Catherine & Maslow  
Loretta & Zeus  
Sharna & Lux  
Lane & Whiskey  
Neeve & Moose  
Miriam & Charlie  
Jane & Harriet

### Class 2 to 3

Renee & Baxter

# 2023 Award Winners

Let's give a big round of ap-PAWS to our wonderful members who took home the following awards for 2023:

- Obedience Encouragement Award: Tony & Jax
- Agility Encouragement Award - Tracey & Callie
- Flyball Encouragement Award - Christine & Winnie
- Flyball Best Helper - Kayleigh & Walker

## Highest Scoring Teams:

- Scent Work - Nicole & Finley
- Agility - Sharyn & Ollie
- Obedience - Donna & Dash
- Rally - Peggy & Carlotta
- Tricks - Christine & Zac
- Top Trial Dog - Sharyn & Ollie
- Top Trial Bitch - Carolyn & Fenway
- Most Improved Non-Trialling Flyball Dog - Sarah & Charlie



Peggy and Carlotta  
Top Rally Dog



Sharyn and Ollie  
Top Agility Dog  
Top Trial Dog



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Top Trial Bitch



Donna and Dash  
Top Obedience Dog

# Finley, a Story of Perseverance

Finley is not the type of dog that wins awards. He is high-energy, high-arousal, and has the concentration span of a flea. He barks, he bites, he humps, and he runs away. He is also Para's Top Scent Work dog for 2023. Finley wants to tell the story of how this came to be, so that other people with 'difficult' dogs don't give up until they find their 'thing'.

Finny isn't your typical dog sport dog who has qualifications and titles across a lot of sports. That's what I got him for though. He's a Working Cocker Spaniel, and he was going to be an Agility champion, just like the Working Cockers at Crufts. He was going to be my Agility dog, my Obedience Dog, my Flyball dog, Rally dog, my Retrieving dog and my Tricks dog. We tried all of those sports. We tried really, really, really hard at Obedience and Agility. I endured 2 years of him humping me, biting me and barking at me like a psychopath at Agility training, where he was completely unable to control his emotions. I spent even longer than that dragging him up and down the Para grounds with his nose firmly fixed to the ground at Obedience training. More than one highly skilled dog trainer has told me that he is not the easiest dog to work with. I had, on my hands, a working dog who I loved with all of my heart, but with whom I had zero connection, and who I didn't understand.

Then Covid happened, and in-person training stopped. One day I got a message from a friend about an online Scent Work course being run from Tasmania, and did we want to join. That opportunity was a sliding doors moment for my relationship with Fin. I could've said no, but I said yes. What happened from there was indescribably. From day 1, Finley was a Scent Work dog. He just knew how to do it, and was able to do complex searches for odour in the back yard, the bush, the beach, or anywhere. From DAY 1! The barking, humping and biting was no more. He was laser-focused, and he wouldn't stop until he found the odour. My relationship with Fin was completely changed from that day forward. We were a team. I finally 'got' him, understood what made him tick, and could speak his language.



We started doing some more Scent Work courses, and when it became an ANKC sport in 2022, we started trialing. Again, Fin is not like most of the Scent Work dogs in SA. He is a working spaniel, and he searches like a working spaniel (i.e. VERY enthusiastically). I used to be embarrassed of him, and very stressed about the way he searches and scared he was only ever a micro-second away from disqualification. I am sure that most judges would still agree that he is still only ever a micro-second away from disqualification most of the time. Now though, I love that he is the way that he is, because he loves doing what he does, and that makes me happy.

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He's obviously been very successful in Scent Work. He sailed through the Novice and Advanced classes with barely a black mark against his name. He is now only a few passes away from gaining his Excellent title. In 2023 he managed to gain 17 qualifications. One Novice, 10 Advanced and 6 Excellent, with one first place and three third places. For the last 9 years, I've sat and watched the club awards with admiration of the incredible teams that had achieved so much, and I never dreamed that one day a dog that I had trained would receive one.

The reason I am telling this story is a little bit because I'm super proud of my little home-trained boy, but mostly because I want people to know that every dog has their 'thing', and it can be a long and frustrating journey to find that 'thing', but it is worth it when you finally do. I have the most incredible relationship with Finley now, because we found Scent Work. The trialing success we have had is just a bonus. It is the learning and fun that we have together that is the real pay-off.

*Nicole Elkins & Finley SWA  
Top Scent Work Title Holders for 2023*

# A Bit About Flyball, 20 Years At Para

## How It Started

Catherine Stroop and I, Sharon Page, started to do Flyball at Munno Para in 98/99. It was held on a Tuesday night before Agility training. John Gayler was at the helm. We loved it and our dogs Miishka and Cassie loved it too. For some reason we moved to Golden Grove on a Monday night. We had only one box with one hole which John had made.

One night at training in August 2000, John informed us that he had entered us in the Royal Show Flyball Competition against the Victorians. The Vic's organised everything and we just rocked up on the day. On the morning of the competition we arrived to find that ducks were swimming in the arena that we were meant to be racing in. After a quick scout around, the Show people finally relocated us to the Dairy Cattle Lawn (under a huge marquee).

We had just one team of 6 entered and the other three teams were from Victoria. The Vic's all had proper harnesses on their dogs and all looked very professional. They also had a double-sided box (we didn't realise that dogs were right and left handed). We on the other hand didn't really know what we were doing and just rocked up to the start line dropped our leads on the ground and sent the dogs off to our vintage one hole box to get the ball. The dogs performed so well, we won the 2nd division racing section and all six of us received 1st Place blue ribbons and some dog food.

For some reason we moved to Golden Grove!

While we were at Golden Grove we tried to gain sponsorship from various companies. Aussie Pouch Mobile gave us shirts and caps to compete in (we were starting to look and feel like a team). They also helped us in our much-needed fundraising by washing dogs for us at our Christmas break up day. We also did raffles and Pixie Photos to help raise the much needed \$750 for our new double hole box.

In 2001 & 2002 we were knocked back from entering Flyball at the Royal show. So Catherine and I decided to organise our own competition this was held in Carisbrook Park in September 2002. There was a lot to organise, we had to supply ribbons, BBQ, stewards, timekeepers etc. etc. Salisbury Council were very helpful and met us at the site to mark out the area for the ring. There were quite a few interstate phone calls to Eric van Zyden was assisting us greatly and just to confirm we were doing things correctly. Well the day began in horrible weather but we did it!!!! The second Flyball Competition in South Australia was held, but not without a lot of behind the scenes work.

At the end of 2002, we again wrote to the Royal Show and asked to be included in their program for the following year. At last we got an invite to a meeting to discuss the options and see what was involved. After several meetings with the Royal Show people and S.A.C.A. we managed to organise a Flyball Competition for the 2003 Royal Show. Since then Flyball at the show has been held every year. Except for the 2 years that Covid was upon us and the Show didn't go ahead at all.

When we moved to Para in April 2004, we were a small group of approximately 10 people and 1-teams. We have now grown in numbers (thanks to the support of Para) and field 3 teams and we are very close to having 4 teams. We are one of the bigger Flyball Clubs in South Australia (with the number of teams per club) Dover Gardens is the only other club that has Flyball.

We now have 4 boxes (all with 2 holes) And have an average of 30 people attending on a Monday night under the capable Head instructor Rebecca Knapp.



# A Bit About Flyball, 20 Years At Para How It Started

So Flyball came from very humble beginnings. Many people would not be aware of the fundraising that was needed the training that Catherine (who became a judge) participated in the promotions she gave on her journey and the support that was needed to continue Flyball in SA. We now have another judge Martin Watt and hopefully a trainee judge at the moment.

Catherine retired from judging late last year and was given a good send off by way of gifts and glowing accolades in November 2023. The last competition of the year run at Dover Gardens.

We are lucky to be using the EJS (electronic judging system) flyball boxes with 2 holes for right and left handed turns and appropriate harnesses for our dogs and blue and yellow shirts that are competition worthy.

So spare a thought of how Flyball started 20 years ago at Para and it has come along way from its humble beginnings all those years ago.



Photo is of the beautiful Shelby taken at Dogs Day Out in September 2023.

We look for support for fundraising all the time so that we can continue to grow and flourish and be the best at competitions in this wonderful sport of Flyballing. So when you come to practice think about how Flyball got started, what manpower is needed for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the equipment and how far it has progressed since moving here in 2004.

*Sharon Page  
PDODC Life Member*

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# Class Times

## Obedience - Sunday Mornings

8.30am: Utility & Rally O.

9.30am: First timers (new members), Puppies (P1 & P2), Class 5.

10.20am: Class 6.

10.20am: First timers (new members) information session (approx. 30 minutes). Please stay after Puppies class if this is your first time at our club.

10.30am: Learners & Class 2.

11.15am: Class 4 & Tricks.

11.20am: Class 3.

11.25: Class 1.

## Flyball - Monday Nights

6.30pm: Set up and first timers.

6.45pm to 7.30pm: Non-triallers.

7.45pm to 8.30pm: Trialers.

## Scent Work - Thursday Nights

6.30pm: Pre-triallers.

7.15pm: Trialers.

\*Please note, these classes are for those who have completed an assessment to demonstrate their dog is able to alert to odour. Beginner courses are run frequently. Please check our Facebook page for upcoming courses.

## Agility - Friday Nights

6.30pm: Beginners and new dogs.

8.00pm - 9.00pm: Trialers.

## Other Important Information

- Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM app) for Salisbury. If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury, training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken any time on the day before training.
- There will be no training on a long weekend (where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday).

### Obedience Graduations

Grades 1 & 2 graduations are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Grade 3 & 4 graduations are held on the last Sunday of the month.



# First Timer Information

## Obedience

First timer obedience classes are run at 9.30am every Sunday morning. Please stay for our information session held at 10.20am if this is your first time at our club, as we explain all the club functions/rules and joining requirements.

## Flyball

First timer flyball classes are held at 6.30pm every Monday night.



## Agility

First timer agility classes are held at 6.30pm on the first Friday of the month only.

## Scent Work

Beginner scent work classes are run in 4 week courses. Please check our Facebook page for more information about when our next beginner course will be run.

## Tricks

To start Tricks class, we generally recommend your dog be in grade 2 obedience. Speak to your instructor if you have any questions before joining.

## Rally Obedience

To start Rally Obedience, we generally recommend your dog be in grade 3 or 4, having a loose lead walk, sit, stand, down, and come on single commands. Speak to your instructor if you have any questions before joining.

## What to Bring/Wear

- Current vaccination certificate (if this is your first time at the club).
- Soft tasty treats or a toy to reward your dog.
- A bum bag to carry your treats and poo bags - no hand bags.
- Suitable footwear to be work - closed in toes, no thongs or slip-ons.
- Correct collar and lead for your dog - no harnesses to be used in classes.
- And of course, your dog!



## Can You Help Your Club?

Volunteers are critical to the success of our club – without them we simply cannot provide the highest standard of a supportive, fun, and educational environment. Whether you're brand new to the club or having been attending for a while, please ask yourself how you may be able to help out. This may be something as small as helping in the canteen or office on a Sunday morning for half an hour! Please let any of the instructors know if you're willing to give a hand—any help will always be sincerely appreciated and gratefully accepted.

### Membership Fees

Junior (10 to 17 years) \$35  
Single \$55  
Double/Family \$65  
Single Pensioner \$45\*  
Double Pensioner \$55\*  
\*Full pension card required.

New membership pay an additional joining fee of \$5.

Agility and Flyball classes have an additional cost of \$3 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog to cover lighting and up keep of equipment. Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November.

### Slipcollar Classifieds & Advertising

25 words or less, single issue \$2  
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All advertisements and enquiries can be emailed to the magazine editor  
mandy.merc@hotmail.com

Please note: PDODC accepts no responsibility for the content of advertisements. All advertisements are accepted in good faith and the liability of advertising content is the responsibility of the advertiser.

### Please Consider Buying From The Club Shop

We have a large range of toys and equipment for sale. Please see what we have available before heading to the big pet stores – your support of the shop is sincerely appreciated and the money goes back into running our club. All items can be purchased on Sunday mornings during office opening hours. Some of the treasures you'll find are Bow Wow training bites, tug toys, dumb-bells, liver treat bags, slip collars, martingales, clickers, and leads and collars in different sizes and colours. Have any suggestions for products you'd like to see us stock? Let us know!

### A Note From The Editor

Hey there fellow PDODC members!  
My name is Mandy, hoo-mum to Ivy. You've probably seen us around the club attending obedience, agility, and flyball classes. If not, I'm sure you've heard Ivy barking her heart out at some point! We've been training at Para for around 2 years now, and I'm excited to be bringing back the Slipcollar. Do you have any feedback or suggestions on what you'd like to see in our newsletter in the future? Perhaps you have a story you'd love to see featured? Please feel free to email me directly at [mandy.merc@hotmail.com](mailto:mandy.merc@hotmail.com) - I'd love to hear from you.



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