



# DOG CHAT

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## NOTE FROM EDITOR

If you would like to contribute anything for future newsletters or suggestions in what you would like to see please feel free to email them through or hand it in to the Clubhouse and I will include it – Cheers

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## Membership Cards

Any member on the grounds is asked to wear their membership card. This will allow records to stay up to date, helps us out when recording the information and most importantly it protects you.

In case of an emergency it will help us identify quickly and efficiently.

If you have misplaced your card or holder replacement cards and holders can be purchased at the clubhouse for \$2.

## Extreme Weather Cancellations

We ask our members to keep an eye on the social media Facebook and Instagram on days when it is extremely hot or electrical storms are around. Illawarra Dog Training Club must abide by Dogs NSW and we have a duty of care to all our members including the dogs to keep everyone safe.

Cancelling any training day is a decision not taken lightly but sometimes it is necessary.

## CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

This is a report from a person who currently does not have a job. Unfortunately, we have not been able to train since 19<sup>th</sup> February and again, unfortunately the next few weeks are not looking promising. The main problem for this situation is the inability of the council to be able to bring the heavy mowers on to the grounds. They did manage to mow part of the ground with light mowers but the combination of heavy grass and wet grounds could not be overcome. Walking through the grounds last Saturday and over the Class 1 and 3 areas, the grass was over my knees while I was walking through water.

When we do resume training, I sincerely hope to see handlers and their dogs also resume attending so that we can continue and build on the good work already done. In the meantime, if you can find some dry area somewhere, please continue to do a little bit of reinforcement training at whatever level you have achieved.

Cheers

*Tony*



### Our recent trial results are: -

#### Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Rally Obedience Trial

Loreena Tate with Zula Rally Novice Score 85 Points **2nd Pass**

#### Bega Valley – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Novice	185 Points	<b>Title</b>
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Novice	185 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass

#### Cessnock – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Novice	95 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Novice	77 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass

#### Brush Farm – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Novice	96 Points	<b>Title</b>
Floyde Gilbert with Alf	Rally Novice	98 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Bathurst/Dennison – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Floyde Gibert with Alf	Rally Novice	76 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	
Floyde Gilbert with Alf	CCD	96 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass

#### Bathurst/Dennison – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Floyde Gilbert with Alf	CCD	94 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
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#### Sydney Royal Easter Show

Floyde Gilbert with Alf	CCD		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<b>Title</b>
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#### Bathurst Royal

Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Advanced	99 Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
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# WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

Rain, rain go away. Unfortunately the rain has had a big impact and not been kind to the grounds preventing us all from training.

The ground is so wet the council has been unable to get on the grounds to mow and when they have tried damage has been caused.

So some of our club volunteers/instructors have been out there trying to keep the grounds alive for when we can come back to training.

We can't do it on our own and any member who can help out for any amount of time on the Saturday would be greatly appreciated. This is your club and we need you to help us keep the club alive so we can help our dogs.





## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We are having a Working Bee this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

1.30pm – 4pm

Any help will be appreciated 30mins. 1 hour or more.

(no dogs on the grounds)

If you have access to a whipper snipper or lawn mower to volunteer to help cut the grass down to a manageable level.

Or a rake or tarp to help remove excess grass off the grounds to under the trees

Please wear PPE

Please if you can help us, save our grounds and get back to training.



**NEWS!!!**

# **TRIAL 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2022**

## **Bev Charnock Memorial Double Obedience Trial**



**If you would like to volunteer on the day or  
compete with your dog on the day we would  
love to hear from you, talk to us in the  
clubhouse or with your instructor**

Thank you to everyone who is helping behind the scenes

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Due to the disruption of covid and now our unfortunate weather conditions the club has decided that all current financial members will be carried over for the year.

***That's correct you read it right***

So all current financial members will not need to renew for this year as it will automatically roll over.

**What do you need to do;**

Nothing – all current members will be given an updated membership card in July.

We will make an announcement when the cards are ready to be collected at the club house

So watch this space and we will let you know when your card is ready for collection.

## PUPPY PREP COURSE

The puppy prep course is a four (4) week certified course which runs monthly with limited numbers. Payment is cash only or bank transfer on your mobile device.

Joining Fee \$100

Included in the cost is the full four week course, single adult membership to the club, a puppy collar, comprehensive notes & general Information booklet.

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL – After hours on 0419 485 476  
3pm – 4.30pm

### Puppy Class

May Intake	June Intake	July Intake
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2022
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

## RECENT PUPPY GRADUATES















# TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Article from [www.leerburg.com](http://www.leerburg.com)

## What are Allergies

### **SIMPLY A REACTION!**

An allergy is the body's intense reaction to a substance called an allergen that can be inhaled through the lungs, ingested through the mouth, or absorbed by the skin. Often, when these substances are eliminated, symptoms do seem to decrease. Pets exhibit their distress by scratching and biting their bodies, by their digestive upsets, by their bad body odor, by their poor coats and by their difficulty in breathing and/or anxieties.

Many pet owners feel frustrated because they treat allergies year after year, yet, there is little long-term relief, and as time passes the symptoms generally get worse. Owners will try almost anything. They will eliminate the supposed substance that is causing the trouble. They will search for the next medication or dietary change that might work, but usually with each passing season the animal becomes weaker, the medications become less effective and the diets prove to be a waste of money. It's an endless, desperate battle.

Allergies are common when the body is not cared for as nature intended. As time passes, the pet's immune system gets weaker, placing additional stress on the body's other systems, until the whole body breaks down. It is, therefore, not uncommon to see the more serious diseases, such as cancer, in older animals with a history of allergies.

It is our belief that many allergies are simply an indication of an imbalance in the immune system, not a true sensitivity to one substance. I have found that fewer than twenty percent of animals with suspected allergies have been diagnosed correctly, and that the remaining 80 percent are fighting a depressed immune system and an unbalanced diet.

Allopathic veterinary medicine, our country's standard medical care, does not as yet fully understand how the immune system works. It lumps symptoms under a general diagnosis and tries to suppress them, rather than treating the whole body.

Here's a short scenario on how the body works. A pet's body is constantly being confronted with dangerous substances, in the environment (pesticides in the house, for instance), by the commercial pet food they eat that contain animal byproducts (all common pet food ingredients), waste products build up in the body, and the whole digestive system suffers. The skin, the largest eliminatory organ, then takes on the challenge of releasing these wastes. This results in pimples, rashes, and hot spots or a lowered general resistance. Urea, a waste product of protein digestion, promotes a gout-like condition, resulting in foot chewing and licking.

Steroids, commonly used to reduce inflammation will temporarily reduce the

symptoms. The explanation is simple; the steroid will reduce the symptoms by reducing the reaction to a toxin, but will not tackle the underlying problem, a depressed immune system. It is understandable that the pet will not get better in the long run, and most probably will get worse.

To strengthen the immune system, it's necessary to cleanse the body of toxins. In my experience supplements and homeopathic or herbal remedies will help to assure that the fundamental imbalance is corrected. It will also help to maintain the balance of your pet's blood sugar and hormones to feed your pet at least twice a day and sometimes more if needed in order to keep the blood sugar more stable. Do provide proper grooming and an emotionally stable environment. You will find that this regime will foster a strong immune system and the allergies will disappear.

The best defense for an allergic pet is a strong offense. The first step is to get a proper diagnosis from your veterinarian to insure that you are not dealing with a serious illness. Whatever the problem, serious or minor, there are many natural protocols you can successfully follow.

Above all, do not give up prematurely. There are no magic bullets. You will have to remind yourself frequently that the more compromised an animal's health is, and the longer its suffering, the longer it may take to rebalance its body, but it is possible.

Article from [www.leerburg.com](http://www.leerburg.com)

# GRADUATIONS

Congratulations everyone, keep up the great work

## PROMOTIONS:

### Class 1 Basic to class 2 Stabilising.

Jimmy & Scallet  
Jenni & Harvey  
Jo & Storm  
Beth & Billy

Jaime & Eddy  
Kay & Delta  
Wang & Milo

Shane & KoKo  
Jo & Judy  
Len & Bently

### Class 2 Stabilising to class 3 Challenge

Skye & Mallie

Congratulations to all the above and every body please keep up the regular practice.





## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2022

Kathryn with Marley the Border Collie x Kelpie  
Maurico and Lillian with Luna the Staffy X  
Samantha with Archie the Yakution Laika  
Noel with Oscar the Labrador Retriever  
Anna with Charlie the Staffy X  
Perry with Nicco the Labrador  
Mark with Matilda the Bordoodle  
Karen with Flynn the Bordoodle  
Harrison with Pippi the Border Collie x Mini Poodle x Kelpie  
Len with Bently the Toy Poodle  
Jamie with Eddy the Aussie Shepherd  
Jenni & Jeff with Harvey the English Cocker Spaniel  
Annette with Zephyr the Kelpie  
Eileen with Mani the Labrador  
Abby with Boba the Dobermann  
Andrea with Huon the Leonberger  
Alexander & Georgia with Rex the Border Collie  
Nathan & Kylie with Audrey the Groodle  
Matt with Tilly the Groodle  
Monique with Marsie the Labrador  
Darren with Mojo the Kelpie  
Tracey with Allsel the Mini Schnauzer  
Marti & Greg with George the British Bulldog  
April & Audrey with Helmiss the Rottweiler  
Nilu with Benji the Pomeranian  
Corinne & Joshua with Willow the German Shepherd  
Andrew & Julie with Kona the Lagotto Romagnolo  
Peter & Jean with Buddy the English Staffordshire Terrier  
Chelsea with Milo the Border Collie  
Wang with Olivia the Greyhound  
Maseya with Loki the Husky  
Denise with Bella the Collie-Rough  
Jasmin with Bindi the Greyhound  
Shane with KoKo the Labrador  
Elijah with Honey the German Shepherd  
Barbara with Bella the Lagotto Romagnolo  
Ilonka & Des with Csilla the Cavoodle  
Alex with Lilyann the German Shepherd  
Julie with Rocky the Maltese x Moodle



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2022

Alison & Skye with Leo the Border Collie  
Lisa, Nelson & Jackson with CoCo the Groodle  
Janice & David with Bentley the Labrador Retriever  
Tineke with Phoenix the Havanese  
Rebecca & James with Kaija the German Shepherd  
Christine & Bruce with Sadie the Mini Schnauzer  
Miranda with Winston the English Cocker Spaniel  
Mardi, Mark & Clare with Gus the Boxer/Staffy  
Yasemin with Willow the German Shepherd  
Jacqueline with Butch the Fox Terrier  
Kevin & Julie with George the Labrador  
Kim with Zoey the English Staffy  
Narelle with Koda the GSP  
Sue with Milla the Bichon Frise  
Mikaela with Leo the Foxy x Jack Russell  
Marilen & Bjorn with Isabella the Border Collie  
Marian with Buddy the Spoodle  
Maggie with Bertie the Toy Cavoodle  
Peter & Gerda with Baylie the Labradoodle  
Guy with Basil the Labradoodle  
Adrian, Marcus & Lucas with Max  
Karen with Ringo the Pomeranian x Maltese  
Eilish & Jayke with Quincey the Staffy x Huski  
Celia with Arlo the Toy Poodle  
Virginia with Nala the Jack Russell



Welcome to the Club and we look forward to being part of your journey.  
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to any of our  
instructors, volunteers or members.

## 2021/2022

<b>Executive Committee</b>			
<b>President</b>	Linda Thomas		
<b>Vice President</b>	Mark Johnston		
<b>Chief Instructor</b>	Tony Gardiner		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carol Zietsch		
<b>Secretary</b>	Danielle Zietsch		
<b>2020/2021 Committee Members</b>			
Kyle Charnock	Kim P	Mark Johnston	
Loreena Tate	Phil Rath	Julie Blanchard	
Dave Cooper	Lorraine Lipman	George Bartolo OAM	
<b>Life Members</b>			
Ron Wilson	Kay Jefferys	Tony Gardiner	Carol Zietsch
June Franks	Phil Rath	George Bartolo OAM	
Kyle Charnock	Peter Franks	Bev Charnock (dec)	
<b>Instructors</b>			
Mark Johnston	Linda Thomas	Fiona Moulton	David Chester
Phil Rath	Lorraine Lipman	George Bartolo OAM	Dianne Wastell
Larissa Woods	Pam Townsend	Dave Cooper	Loreena Tate
Heather Kennedy	Geoff Taylor	John Hallett	Julie Blanchard

Meetings are held Bi-Monthly and are open to club members to attend. We would love to see you.

Meeting is  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
7pm – 8.30pm

IDTC Club House  
JJ Kelly Park  
Swan Street  
Wollongong



## Ground Rules

- Dogs to be kept on leads at all times, unless in training class and under direct supervision of an instructor.
- Dogs are not to be tied to the club house or trees.
- Bitches in oestrus (season) shall not be permitted on the grounds while training in progress.
- Classes using club equipment will be responsible for returning this equipment to correct storage place under the supervision of the class instructor.
- Parking on the ground is for instructors and workers on that day only. Cars are to be parked no closer to the club house than the southern boundary fence of the electrical sub station.
- Pick up your dog's droppings if they foul the ground. Plastic bags are available to ensure responsible disposal.
- Be on the alert for other instructors requiring assistance in training their own dogs
- Do not automatically use equipment set up on the ground. It may have just been set up by an instructor who is in the process of preparing to use it. They may also be in the process of using it, but not necessarily in the immediate vicinity.
- Equipment such as jumps and obstacles, are not for general use without supervision.
- Children are to be kept away from dogs pegged near volunteer's cars for both children and dog's safety.
- Children are not permitted in class with parents.
- Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times.

## Promotion Requirements

### Class 1 basic to Class 2 Stabilising

To be able to be promoted from Class 1 to Class 2 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises;

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command.
4. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and continue walking.
5. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully.
6. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
7. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

Handling the lead with two (2) hands most of the time and using the lead to position the dog. At this stage it is much more important that the handlers mechanics are good-giving clear commands, guiding the dog as necessary, and praising the dog. If the dog makes a mistake and is effectively guided by the handler this is a positive.

## Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge;

To be able to be promoted from class 2 to class 3 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises;

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command.
4. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully.
5. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
6. You are able to call your dog back to you and get them to place finish as one exercise
7. Your dog can calmly work at fast pace with you.
8. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds.
9. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand, very little guiding is necessary (<3 out of 5 times). Still walking using the lead to position the dog, giving feedback to the dog when it is in position.

## Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing

To be able to be promoted from class 3 to class 4 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises;

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg using a loose leash.
2. Your dog is able to drop next to your left leg on command.
3. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully.
4. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
5. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and have them sit directly in front of you.
6. Your dog is able to get your dog to do a place finish as a separate exercise.
7. You can get your dog to successfully complete an off-lead recall to front on command.
8. Your dog can calmly work with you at slow pace.
9. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds, returning around your dog.
10. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds.
11. Your dog can stay in the down with you standing beside it in position for 30 seconds

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand and drop come and place, very little guiding is necessary (<3 out of 5 times). Still walking using the lead but with a loose leash majority of the time.



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