



THE HOBSONS BAY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Message from the President

Welcome to the First edition of the club newsletter for 2009.

Profile of the Day John Frigo

Trainer. Beginner Dogs and club Treasurer.

John first started with the club in 1996 with his Irish Setter male Kelly, who passed all obedience grades in the club and won two best in class awards. Kelly sadly passed away in July 2008 and is sadly missed by all at home.

Current Dogs Arty, an 8-year-old Irish setter and share ownership of a 3-year-old Irish setter bitch Ruby.

Ruby has had some obedience training and is likely to complete this at a later stage, Arty has not been formally trialled.

Other Dog Interests: Arty has his Endurance Title (20 kilometres in 2 hours) and has done some field trial work. He was originally a 'show dog' but a car accident in 2001 finished his show career.

Ruby is an Australian Champion in confirmation' having earned her title in late 2008. Curiously, it took 2 weeks short of 12 months to get the first 100 points for her Australian Champions title but in the 2.5 months since then she has earned another 119 points. She currently is running third in The Irish Setter Club, Bitch of the Year competition and third in the dogonline 2009 challenge for the Irish Setter Breed. She has won her class in group in show 3 times and, recently, won best of breed in an excellent field (19 points).

John's Achievements: Won a bronze medal for Victoria in the First World Blind Sailing Championships in Auckland, New Zealand in 1994 and unsuccessfully defended that award in Perth 4 years later. He was commodore of the Albert Park Yacht Club, and is current President of The Irish Setter club of.

Victoria Inc. He is a Dogs Victoria member and a member/investigator on the Dogs Victoria Investigations Committee

Interests: Dogs, Dog Competitions, Our Club, Sailing, Reading, Water colour painting, travel, dogs, dogs ...

Biggest Regrets: That I will have to miss a large number of Sunday training sessions in order to compete with Ruby. That I am not fit and skilful enough to show Ruby myself and have to rely on others to do so for me.

Exciting things in the Future: Taking Ruby to Sydney for the Easter Royal and Adelaide for the Adelaide Royal Show. Going to country agricultural shows (great fun) and either in the middle of this year or next year watching Ruby have a litter of puppies.

Strange Things but true: Ruby has a website but I do not and if you search my name on the World Wide Web you will only find me mentioned at Ruby's website.

Calender of Events

Trial: 26 April 2009

Social night: 23rd May - Royal Standard Hotel West Melbourne

Trial: 28 June, 2009

Trial: 30 August, 2009

Social night: 24th October - Yarraville club, Yarraville

Trial: 29 November, 2009

Break up: 13th December, 2009

Return: 7th February, 2010

Announcements



This year, Vera - Secretary of the club, will complete 21 years of service to the club.

Well done and congratulations Vera!

We would like to formally welcome Kate (with Quinter) as a new trainer to the club.

We would like to thank Michael Scheurer and Vanilla for their time and effort as Trainers with the club. They will both be sadly missed.

Mark and Griff recently achieved their first pass in Community Companion Dog (CCD) at Knox Obedience Dog Club.

That's a great outcome. They need 2 more passes, and then Griff will have a Title after his name on his pedigree.

KIDS COLOURING CORNER

STAEDTLER



A well Rounded Education for Dogs

Have you noticed that at HBODC, we do not just teach "obedience"?

Of course we teach the usual "sit, stay, come, heel etc", and that is very important. But at our Club we also believe that you and your dog can be a great Team, and that there are many ways of enjoying your dog's company.

The traditional lessons will help you to get the most enjoyment out of your furry friend. We build on those lessons to help you to have confidence in other situations, such as:

- Calling your dog safely away from a threatening situation.
- Sitting quietly at a coffee shop without hassling your waiter or the other patrons.
- Travelling safely with your dog.
- Crate-training your dog.
- Grooming your dog.
- Checking your dog's health.
- Increasing your dog's confidence in unusual situations (including using agility equipment to increase "trust").
- Techniques, such as drop or sit on recall that could save your dog's life.
- Building your dog's confidence around strangers, and strange situations.

It's all about trust and communication!

