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*Front Cover photo : Happy Competitors with their Qual Cards from the 3 August 2019 Agility and Rally-O trial with Agility Judges Tim Fairchild and Roger Padfield*

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**The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor  
or Committee Members of the COCT Inc.**

All Office bearers, committee members and instructors of the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc. are unpaid volunteers who give freely of their time in an effort to help you to train and trial your dogs.

General monthly meetings held first Monday of the month February to December at 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

**Club Web Site:** [www.coct.com.au](http://www.coct.com.au)



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

### President's AGM Report

All things must pass, but the memories of some of those things are simply great, one remains hopeful that may be the true for the future of COCT at Heatley Park.

The year 2019 may well be a time that we may mark down as the start of a new era or the end of one. The development of the Heatley Park is a work in progress and may be just what the community needs, it also may be a deciding moment in the future of the Canine Obedience Club. The failure of the Council to embrace Council's requested submissions from club tenants has left some of the long-time users of the Park in a position of the grounds becoming unsuitable for some forms of Canine activity and the future development of dogs in the fields of Obedience and Agility dog work. A number of boxes still remain to be ticked, the lighting remains to be trialled and found suitable (or not) the grounds themselves in some areas have metal fragment along with splinters of glass, already cutting some dogs pads at a recent trial. Turfing may solve this problem or the seeding and growth of a nice layer of thick green carpet of grass. **One can't help but feel we are being squeezed out of our home ground of thirty plus years.**

At this time each year we elect new and old members into the positions that make our club function, the past year has seen a few disruptions all of which have been sorted, with the possibility of the new developed grounds still some way off. This may be my last year sitting in the Presidents chair and I am going to break one of my rules for that reason, it's hard to pass complements onto all workers, so in the past I have tried to talk about the workers as a group, this year I wish to make special mention to those that I feel have been outstanding over a number of years.

Firstly, Renate Linder stands out as one of the long-standing members with a very difficult jobs of holding the Club's finances together. Renate is one of those members that is first to arrive to the club and the last to leave, may you long remain as treasurer Renate, we appreciate your many years of loyal and dedicated service.

Judy Forbes- Faulkner, an outstanding Secretary. Her dedication to the club and the hours she spends

making the club run is second to none. The Secretary is the one that makes a club work, her endless hours of behind the scenes working is not always appreciated, but we do appreciate you Judy, you are a great Secretary.

Our Jill of all trades is Diane MacIntyre. Diane is our Trophy Officer, Magazine Editor, Publicity and Demo Officer. Diane is not always seen up the front and mainly behind the scenes, never the less the roles she is involved in are always carried out to a very high standard. Each job may be quite difficult in its own right and all can be very time consuming, Thank-you Diane we value you greatly.

A new lady has come to the front to take on Pet Dog Training and that is Deb Fazel. In her first year in the job she is excelling, and Julie Doig has been a great assistant to Deb and her team of instructors, thank you girls.

Tracking and Track and Search have a great team of workers making it all happen. Janette Cussons leads the way as Tracking Coordinator and has carried out this role to perfection for a number of years, thanks to Janette and her assistant Carolyn Lynn we have had many successful Tracking Trials.

Debbie Schmidt is our new appointed Track and Search Coordinator and has spent many back-breaking hours getting the wheels moving with the City Tracking role, many thanks to Debbie and her offsidars in this demanding role. Debbie has recently been approved to become COCT's second Track and Search Judge, congratulation Debbie.

And finally, the dedicated few that always turn up to slog through the Alice River bush setting tracks, Jens, Julie C and Snow, thank you team.

Then there are the unnamed people that assist at all trials, by stewarding, billeting judges and providing an endless supply of food for all trials, thank you the unknown workers, you are possibly in the biggest demand, without you we could not operate. And finally "Be kind to your dog"

**Mal Holland**  
**President COCT Inc**

# CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Club Membership allows you to not only attend weekly classes, but to also participate in activities and competitions. Non-members are always welcomed at our Monthly Meetings but you need to be a financial member in order to vote on decisions affecting the Club.

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities eg Obedience, Rally Obedience and Tracking Workshops
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg Townsville City Council Pet Expo
- 🐾 Attend our Monthly General Meetings held the first Monday of each month (except January), and are entitled to vote.
- 🐾 Receive notification via email of Annual General Meeting held in August
- 🐾 Nominate for a Position as either Office Bearer or as part of the Executive Committee (see inside page of magazine for Positions). You need to be a financial member of the Club for a minimum of three months before nominating for a position.
- 🐾 Eligible for annual Title and Perpetual Trophies if competing in trials.

Membership are due for renewal by 30 June each year to continue training and attend club events. Lapsed members will have their names removed from the Club's email list and until renewed can no longer attend classes.

All members are welcome to come along to Obedience, Agility and Tracking Trials to observe or offer assistance with setting up, Stewarding and help in the kitchen. It's a great introduction to the world of trialling and getting to know us better!

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*Don't make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans,  
or they'll treat you like dogs*

## *Just Briefly ....*



**Keep up to date with  
the rules for**  
Obedience, Rally-O,  
Agility, Endurance and  
Tracking

as issued by the ANKC.

They are free to download from their website  
<http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx>

**Back issues of the magazine**  
can be downloaded from  
our website [www.coct.com.au](http://www.coct.com.au)  
Catch up on articles  
you may have missed on trials,  
behaviour, training and  
feature stories.

**Club T-Shirts are available from the Club  
Shoppe** on Tuesday night. They are made  
from a durable cotton material, great for  
wearing to training, at trials to fly the  
Club's colours, and will last forever!

Cost - \$46.

Also available at very reasonable prices  
are cloth webbing leads, martingale  
collars, long leads, and treat bags

**Have you enjoyed your classes, love dogs,  
and** would like to help others train theirs?  
The club has openings for several Trainee  
Instructors.

The minimum requirement is that you have  
completed basic training and have had  
some trialling experience, or have been an  
Instructor in another club.

You will be paired with an experienced  
instructor who will take you through week  
by week theory and practical on how to  
teach handlers to train their dogs.

All instructors are volunteers who started  
off just like you – taking a dog through  
classes, graduating into Class 4, and then  
becoming interested in the training  
program.

To find out more ask to talk to Deb Fazel,  
our Training Co-ordinator.





## Calling all Graduates !!

Handlers who have graduated from the Advanced Class are welcome to continue their training in the Pre-Trialling Class from 8.00-9.00pm on Tuesday night.

This Class is less structured than the ones you have previously completed, but can be used to start learning new obedience exercises like heel off lead, change of position, broad jump, and retrieving the dumb bell or just keep skills up to date.

It is a great way to keep your dog active, socialised, and mentally stimulated.

Feel free to let your Instructor know what you would like to learn on the night as classes are quite flexible.

**Thursday night training is free** and open for all Advanced and Class 4 handlers who are interested in learning more about competing in both obedience trials and Rally O trials. All handlers wishing to come along and take advantage of this extra free practice time must be available to assist with the set up or pack up of the various courses and also must be willing to assist as stewards in the Obedience rings or assist with the set up, stewarding or pack up of the Rally O courses. We also request handlers bring crates or some other method of restraining their dogs while they assist.

Thursday night set up normally commences between 5:30 pm and 6 pm and the training is normally completed by about 8 pm depending on the numbers wishing to train. We would also like to advise handlers that this free session is also utilised by instructors to train their dogs.

## Frisbee Training !!

Second Monday of the month at 6:30pm with sign in at 6:15pm.

Financial COCT Members or Registered Handlers can have a trial night for just a \$5 training fee. To continue you will need to become a TOADS member. Dog sport approved discs for sale on any training night at club house.



## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH COMPETITIONS ??

All dogs regardless of breed can compete in obedience, agility, tracking and endurance, but first you need to join Dogs Queensland (CCCQ). There is a joining fee plus annual fee to pay for either single or joint membership.

### PEDIGREE DOGS WITH PAPERS

Download the Application Form for New Membership 2017 from the Dogs Queensland website <http://www.cccq.org.au/New-Member-Information.aspx>.

### CROSS BREED AND NON-PEDIGREE DOGS

Download and complete the above form for New Membership PLUS the Associate Register Form <http://www.cccq.org.au/Member-Forms.aspx> – scroll down to Registrations and select Associate Register (AR). Up to two (2) dogs may be registered to a membership with the initial registration, with any subsequent registrations to the membership, to be dogs eligible for registration on the General or Limited Registers. Members who subsequently wish to register extra dogs that have been acquired under special circumstances or from a registered welfare organisation may apply for dispensation to do so. All applications for registration are to be accompanied by a certificate of de-sexing from a veterinarian.

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

## 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's 2019 Annual General Meeting was held 7.00pm Monday 5 August 2019 with the re-election of most of the 2018 Committee. Whiour long-standing President, Secretary and Treasurer were hoping for someone else to put their hand up to carry on their wonderful work it was not to be, so it is with much gratitude the Club thanks them for their ongoing support.

As with many Clubs these days it is becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers to fill vital roles to keep the Club going. The truth of the matter is without them the Club simply will not exist. If any Club Members are interested in taking on Secretary or Treasurer, or if you know somene outside the Club looking for a different social contact and willing to spend a few hours a week helping out, please contact Secretary Judy for further info.

## COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next meeting is **Monday 2 September 2019** followed by **Monday 7 October 2019**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated.

## THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice is on every Thursday (weather permitting) from 6.30pm for Advanced and Class 4 Members at no additional charge. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

## 2019 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2019 trialling season is just about over with only one double Rally O and Obedience Trial (no Agility this time) on 27 and 28 September to close off the year. To enter use K9 Entries [www.k9entries.com/using.php](http://www.k9entries.com/using.php) , entries close a fortnight before the trial. Looking forward to a good turn out for our last trial!

## 2019 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP / TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Yes, like it or not we are getting closer to Christmas! Our Breakup and Trophy Presentation night will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019** at the Kirwan Sports Club on Bamford Lane. It will be a great night with heaps of good food, company, trivia quiz, Christmas Hamper Raffle (donations to the hamper gratefully received!), lucky door prizes and of course Title and Perpetual Tophy presentations. Menu and pricing will be available in the November-December 219 magazine. Mark the 14<sup>th</sup> December in your Calendar so you don't miss out!





## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

### 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BREAKUP

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2019  
From 6.30pm – Dinner 7.00pm



KIRWAN SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB  
BAMFORD LANE, KIRWAN

Come along to our end of year presentation night  
Guest Speaker : TBA  
Trivia Quiz  
Trophy and Title presentations  
Great Food and Company!

**Cost - TBA**

**Instructors and Committee Members free**



### Menu

TBA

**RSVP to Renate TBA**



### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Our popular Christmas Hampers will again be raffled this year,  
and we need you to help fill them up!  
Donations gratefully received of quality homemade  
or purchased human or dog items.  
Please leave in laundry basket in clubhouse or with ladies at canteen.



**Tickets on sale 1 October 2019 until drawn at Christmas Party Break Up  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Winners will be notified if not present!**

**Tickets : \$1.00 each – Will be available from Clubhouse on training nights or at Christmas Party**

## **OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O AND AGILITY TRIAL REPORT**

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Well our first trial back at Heatley Park turned out to be an eventful one especially as we only managed to get the equipment relocated on the Thursday night before. I would firstly like to thank all those members who assisted in relocating the equipment so we could go ahead with the trial.

On Friday night's Obedience Trial, despite the very dusty and rubble-covered grounds, there were several successes. Most impressive of these was Lisa Sinclair with her border collie Coffee Crème who gained her first qual of 192 points towards her Obedience Champion Title. Renate Linder was also successful with her Belgian Shepherd Dixi gaining a qual in CDX. And one of our visitors, Jana Fogerty, gained a qual in CCD with her dog Scout. A big thankyou to Judge Barbara Murfet for handling the less than ideal conditions so well.

There were also several successes in Rally Obedience that night with Renate and Dixie, Julie and Zoe and myself and Rose all gaining quals in Masters level, and then myself and Pearl gaining a qual in Rally Excellent and her Title. Not to be outdone, all the competitors in Rally Novice all gained quals, with Julie and Gus, Carolyn and Moxie and Samantha (Sam) Alexander and Hutch all getting cards. Thanks also go to Judge Roel Wittkamp for managing the course around the dust bowl.

Moving on to the Saturday afternoon Agility Games trial and all the competitors were unable to achieve the gamble obstacles so no quals were awarded in this event. In the Agility our new member Tony Walter gained a qual with his whippet Ziggy in Novice, and Lauren Moore from Cairns gained two quals with her border collies Spritz and Lift in Masters Agility. Lauren also gained two quals in Masters Jumpers with Lift and Spritz and Deb Kampaklis gained a qual with Morphy.

In Excellent Jumpers Leisa Cassidy gained a qual with Sully and Marina Vannucci a qual with Pearl. The final quals for the afternoon went to Lauren Moore with Lift, Deb Kampaklis with Morphy and Diesel in Open Jumpers. Thanks to Judges' Heather Northover and Roel Wittkamp for their courses.

While these events were proceeding, we were setting up the Rally O course for our judge Barbara Murfet.

Rally O Masters saw quals to Julie Doig and Zoe and also Kirsten Nilson and Duke. There were also several successes in Rally Advanced with Kirsten Nilson and Zari, Luci Robinson and the 3-legged Chilli and Jana Fogerty with Scout.

Then it was time to rest and refresh and dine on the amazing selection of meals supplied by our excellent catering crew.

Dinner was followed by obedience in the green grassed area past the tennis courts while the agility and jumpers were held near to the clubhouse.

In the obedience ring Renate Linder and Dixie gained their CDX title. Well done team, now Renate is hard at work training UD. The other success was Jana Fogerty with Scout who gained another qual in CCD and their Title, congratulations.

In the agility area judge Roel Wittkamp handed out quals to Lauren with Lift and Spritz in Masters Snooker; Karen Winzar with Cleo, Marina Vannucci with Pearl, Deb Kampaklis with Diesel and Leisa Cassidy with Sully in Excellent Snooker; and Tony Walter with Nikko, Sam Alexander with Starsky and Raelene Gregory with Stella in Novice Snooker.

There were also quals in Masters Agility with Tricia Williams and Cue, Lauren Moore and Spritz and Deb Kampaklis with Morphy and Marina Vannucci with Pearl in Excellent Agility.

Not to be outdone our other judge Heather Northover handed out quals in Master Jumpers to Lauren Moore who gained a trifecta again with Lift, Zippy and Spritz. Lauren also gained a qual in Open Jumpers with Lift. To end the night on a high note we also had four quals in Novice Jumpers with Tony Walter and Nikko, Raelene Gregory with Stella, Sam Alexander with Starsky and Kirsten Nilson with Duke.

Once again thankyou to all the stewards in Obedience, Rally O and Agility, all the handlers that just gave a hand, all the members who assisted with the catering and of course the Judges for making this event such a success under less than ideal conditions.

**Judy Forbes-Faulkner**  
**Trial Secretary**

## RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 1

Friday 19th July 2019

Q = Qualification 😊 T = Title 😊 😊

### RALLY OBEDIENCE

Judge: Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	99
2nd Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	94
3rd G	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	92

#### Rally Excellent B

No entries

#### Rally Excellent A

1st Q & T	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	91
2nd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	62
3rd			

#### Rally Advanced B

No entries

#### Rally Advanced A

No entries

#### Rally Novice

1st Q	Julie Doig	Gus	98
2nd Q	Carolyn Lynn	Moxie	88
3rd Q	Sam Alexander	Hutch	75

### OBEDIENCE

Judge: Barbara Murfet

UD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Score
1st Q	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	192
<b>Open</b>			
1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	181
2nd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	116
<b>CD</b>			
1st	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	143
<b>CCD</b>			
1st Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	95
2nd	Sam Alexander	Hutch	59
3rd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	49



Obedience & Rally-O Rings (above) back at Heatley Park, a bit of a dust bowl after the redevelopment!  
Opening of Trial by Judge Roel Wittkamp (below).



**TRIAL 1, SATURDAY 20 JULY 2019****AGILITY GAME GAMBLERS - Judge Heather Northover**

Q = Qualification 😊 T = Title 😊 😊

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Lauren Moore	Zippy	42
2nd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	41

**Excellent**

1st	Catherine Pentland	Pi	29
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**Novice**

1st	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	39
2nd	Tony Walter	Ziggy	26
3rd	Tony Walter	Nikko	24

**AGILITY**

Novice	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Tony Walter	Ziggy	34.17
2nd	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	38.15
3rd	Tony Walter	Nikko	46.5

**Open**

All withdrawn			
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**Excellent**

1st	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	70.8
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**Masters**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	45.29
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	46.79

**JUMPING - Judge Roel Wittkamp**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	37.78
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	42.28
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	44.92

**Excellent**

1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	35.7
2nd Q	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	39.48
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	48.71

**Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	24.72
2nd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	37.42
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	39.21

**Novice**

1st	Kirsten Nilson	Zari	29.57
2nd	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	37.06
3rd	Sam Alexander	Starsky	26.24

**RALLY-O TRIAL 2 Judge Barbara Murfet**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	98
2nd Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	97

**Excellent-Adv**

1st	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	72
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**Advanced**

1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Zari	99
2nd Q	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	84
3rd Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	81

**Novice**

All DQ

**TRIAL 2, SATURDAY 20 JULY 2019****OBEDIENCE Judge Barbara Murfet**

Q = Qualification 😊 T = Title 😊 😊

UD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
No entries			

**CDX**

1st Q & T	Renate Linder	Dixie	170
2nd	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	156
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	143

**CD**

1st	Kirsten Nilson	Zari	135
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	114

**CCD**

1st Q & T	Jana Fogerty	Scout	86
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	59

**SNOOKER**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	51
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	51
2nd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	48

**Excellent**

1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	51
2nd Q	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	48
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	46
4th Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	44

**Novice**

1st Q	Tony Walter	Nikko	45
2nd Q	Sam Alexander	Starsky	45
3rd Q	Ralene Gregory	Stella	41

**AGILITY**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	49.77
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	62.6
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	64.39

**Excellent**

1st Q	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	74.37
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**Open**

1st	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	100.72
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**JUMPING**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	27.36
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	29.16
3rd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	30.29

**Excellent**

1st	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	40.53
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**Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	19.74
2nd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	19.25

**Novie**

1st Q	Tony Walter	Nikko	18.02
2nd Q	Ralene Gregory	Stella	20.19
3rd Q	Sam Alexander	Starsky	20.26
4th Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	26.05

















## **OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O AND AGILITY TRIAL REPORT**

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**

The trial weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was our second trial back at Heatley Park and although the grass was starting to return the park conditions were still less than favourable especially for the obedience dogs. Despite this Andrea Wohlhuter managed a 188 qual in UD with Shelby. This was the only qualification in obedience on Friday night. Similar problems were experienced with the Rally O competitors where the only successful dogs were again Andrea Wohlhuter and Shelby with a 95 qual in Masters Rally O and Lucy Robinson with a 91 qual with 3-legged Chilli in Excellent Rally O. Well done Andrea and Lucy for gaining quals under less than perfect conditions. A special thanks go to our Judges Coral Pethers and Patricia Williams for their patience and understanding and also all the club members that assisted with set up, stewarding, providing meal dishes and generally helping to keep the trial moving.

Saturday afternoon started with Gamblers but unfortunately none of the dogs managed to successfully negotiate the gamble in the Masters and Excellent levels but the afternoon was rescued by Tayla Foster with Rubble and Yvette Yarman with Cody who gained quals in novice gamblers under our local judge Tim Fairchild. Tim also had successes with Tony Walter and Ziggy in Novice Agility, Lauren Moore and Spritz in Open Agility, Marina Vannucci and Pearl in Excellent Agility and Lauren Moore and Lift, Karen Winzar and Cleo and Natalie Spence and Trixie in Masters Agility.

While this was happening in the other ring our visiting judge Roger Padfield was having successes in Masters Jumpers with Lauren Moore and her dogs Lift and Spritz in masters jumpers, Marina Vannucci with Pearl in Excellent Jumpers, Lauren Moore and Lift and Tayla Foster and Rubble in open agility.

While the agility and jumpers were running Coral Pethers started the afternoons Rally O further up the park and had successes with Andrea and Shelby with a 95 qual and also Natalie Spence and Trixie with a 91 qual in Masters. This was followed by Lucy Robinson and Chilli who gained a 98 qual in Excellent and Joy Tomes and Jazz who gained an 82 qual in Advanced.

This was followed by the usual sumptuous feast supplied by club members. Thankyou Leisa Cassidy, Snow Standen, Catherine Pentland, Debbie Schmidt, Janette Cussons, Renate Linder, Joy Tomes, Deb Fazel, Julie Doig and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Then we all returned to the evening competition feeling very satisfied!!! The competition started with Strategic Pairs but there were no successes then Roger Padfield went on with the Masters agility and quals for Lauren Moore and her dogs Zippy and Spritz. This was followed by a qual in excellent agility and title for Kayla James and Sky, go the merle BC's There were no other successes in agility. In the adjacent ring Tim Fairchild was having numerous successes in Masters Agility with Lauren Moore and Lift and Spritz, Kayla James with Sky, and Natalie Spence with Trixie in Masters Jumpers, Leisa Cassidy with Sully and title, and Marina Vannucci with Pearl excellent jumpers, Lauren Moore with Lift and Zippy and Deb Kampaklis with Diesel in open jumpers with Flynn and Yvette Yarman with Cody in novice jumpers.

In the evening obedience ring unfortunately there were no quals in any of the levels which may have been in some way due to the less than adequate lighting at that end on the park.

Once again thanks to all the stewards, course change helpers and especially those members in the background that clean up in the kitchen and provide drinks and snacks for the judges. Special thanks also go to Leisa Cassidy for her tireless work inputting data into the computer assisted by Catherine Pentland and numerous other competitors and Sharon Daniels for organising the card printing.

I would like to close by inviting any interested members to come down to our trials to see what goes on and come along and help. We appreciate all offers of help.

***Judy Forbes-Faulkner***  
***Secretary COCT Inc.***

## RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 1

Friday 2nd August 2019

Q = Qualification 😊 T = Title 😊 😊

### RALLY OBEDIENCE

Judge: Coral Pethers

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> + Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	95
2nd	Nalatie Spence	Trixie	81
3rd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	73

### Rally Excellent B

No entries

### Rally Excellent A

1st	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	91
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### Rally Advanced B

No entries

### Rally Advanced A

No entries

### Rally Novice

No entries

### OBEDIENCE

Judge - Coral Pethers

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	122

Judge - Patricia Williams

UD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> + Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	188

### Open

1st	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	139
2nd	Mandy Jones	Jay	123
3rd	Linda King	D'Arcy	94

### CD

All dogs withdrawn

### CCD

1st	Jess Crerar	Paris	50
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	20

**TRIAL 1, SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 2019****AGILITY GAME GAMBLERS - Judge Tim Fairchild**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Karen Winzar	Cleo	46
2nd	Lauren Moore	Lift	36
3rd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	33

**Excellent**

1st	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	28
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**Novice**

1st Q	Tayla Foster	Rubble	45
2nd Q	Yvette Yarman	Cody	42
3rd	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	32

**AGILITY**

Novice	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Tony Walter	Ziggy	37.24
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	82.12
3rd			

**Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	42.89
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**Excellent**

1st Q	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	62.79
2nd	Kayla James	Sky	43.3

**Masters**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	46.94
2nd Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	54.76
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	68.51

**JUMPNG - Judge Roger Padfield**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	33.01
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	34.96
3rd Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	31.87

**Excellent**

1st Q	Marina Vanucci	Pearl	30.04
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	39.83
3rd	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	45.25

**Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	22.95
2nd Q	Tayla Foster	Rubble	31.97
3rd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	22.19

**Novice**

1st	Terri Bartlet	Flynn	26.79
2nd	Tony Walter	Nikko	32.2
3rd	Yvette Yarman	Cody	33.77

**RALLY O Trial 2 - Judge Coral Pethers**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	95
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	91
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	67

**Excellent-Advanced**

1st Q	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	98
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**Advanced**

1st Q	Joy Tomes	Jazz	82
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**Novice****TRIAL 2, Saturday 3rd August 2019****OBEDIENCE - Judge Coral Pethers**

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	169
UD	No entries		

**CDX**

1st	Linda King	D'Arcy	160
2nd	Tracey Motlop	Flynn	124
3rd	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	120

**CD**

Dog withdrawn

1st	Jess Crerar	Paris	65
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	48

**AGILITY GAME STRATEGIC PAIRS - Judge Roger Padfield**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st	Jean Wilkinson	Max	86.61
1st	Karen Winzar	Cleo	86.61

**Excellent****Novice**

1st	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	99.44
1st	Sharon Daniels	Briny	99.44

**AGILITY - Judge Roger Padfield**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	42.02
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	42.31
3rd	Natalie Spence	Trixie	57.2

**Excellent**

1st Q + T	Kayla James	Sky	40.02
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**Open**

1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	39.72
2nd	Kayla James	Sky	45.22

**Novice**

No qualifiers

**JUMPING - Judge Tim Fairchild**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	29.05
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	30.2
3rd Q	Kayla James	Sky	30.94
4th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	39.4

**Excellent**

1st Q + T	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	33.49
2nd Q	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	34.68

**Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	21.54
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	21.81
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	31.85

**Novice**

1st Q	Tayla Foster	Rubble	19.72
2nd Q	Tony Walter	Nikko	20.46
3rd Q	Tony Walter	Ziggy	22.97
4th Q	Terri Bartlett	Flynn	27.33
5th Q	Yvette Yarman	Cody	28.09





















# Track and Search Trial Report

**Saturday 13 July 2019**

**Judges : Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane)  
Mr Mal Holland (Townsville)**



The July COCT Track and Search Trial was the last of the Townsville tracking and search season. It was another busy trial not only with 8 entries but also involved a Track and Search trainee judge's elevation (written and practical) as well as midterm written exams for the other two trainees Janette and Carolyn. To assist with all trial requirements with Dogs Queensland approval night tracks were run on both Thursday and Friday nights as well as the Saturday morning tracks. Big, big thanks to all involved that allowed all of this to occur.

The first team of the competition being judged by Mrs Coral Pethers from Brisbane was myself with Furi (German Shepherd Dog TS Ch T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi RN) on her first attempt at a TSD10. This track was run on the Thursday night to allow for Judge's elevation exams over the remainder of the trial. This track has a 4 hour wait. As the track was about to go out a heavy rain shower occurred leaving large water puddles over the track. By time the track was run most of the water had not evaporated. Not effected by the wet track at all Furi completed most sections - the 300m car and two turns going strong ... then missed the second last turn. Not to blame Furi, the handler didn't "listen" to Furi's vocalisation saying 'I want to go back to that last corner', and at the 1000m mark unfortunately our track was done. Returning back to where she wanted to be she found the track and raced to the end.

On Friday night the TSD6 of Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Australian Kelpie T Ch Callicoma Leaps and Bounds TSD CD RN) was judged by Ms Rosemary Sehl from Rockhampton. Kelly started strong, straight and true along the first two legs of the track. At the second corner Kelly turned left rather than right ... the initial body language was 'I'm right on track' but then 10-15 feet from the corner Kelly's body language changed to a frantic 'I'm looking' but not got the track. Some serious searching by Kelly saw him make his way back and onto the next corner, turn then kept going and missing the last corner. Once brought back to the last corner Kelly turned down the right track and straight down to the tracklayer.

Saturday morning saw my Judge's elevation practical exams continue with Mrs Coral Peters judging and Ms Rosemary Sehl also following the TSD2 track of Tanya Hill and Isa the Dobermann (Ch Kriegmann Vaniety Fair TDX (AI)). Very slowly, and with much circling and patience by Tanya while Isa worked, saw Isa make her way up the park to find her tracklayer at the end and earning herself a pass for her effort (*pictured right*).



Coral's next dog out was Tara (German Shepherd Dog Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN) and Julie Combridge attempting their TSD3. Tara's tracking mojo was working well and with some very lovely tracking worked her way down the track until the wind took Tara to the right of some playground construction and missing her first article which was to the left of the construction a slight overshoot of the next corner. A quick cast back to the track and heading to the next article, which was ignored, as Tara worked past it. Beautiful tracking but without the article indication no success. Better luck next time Julie and Tara.

Last dog out was Silke Weyland and Aska (T Ch OCh RO Ch Nordenstamm Aska UDX RAE GD TSD) attempting the urban track TSD5. Today wasn't Aska's day for tracking. She had a wonderful time but sadly no tracking today.



Ms Rosemary Sehl started her judging day with a TSD1 track with Carolyn Lynn and Moxie (Singha Moxie, German Shepherd Dog). I am told Moxie was distracted by some rubbish being blown around the start and as a result a little startled. She settled, then something in the nearby bushes saw her head off in a hunting mode towards the river after something more interesting than the tracklayer, so sadly not Carolyn and Moxies day.

Next was Annette Woolley and Ace (Havelock Eli German Shepherd Dog) I'm afraid I don't know anything about this track apart from things did not go to plan, so no pass this time.

Last out was Janette Cussons and Jax (German Shepherd Dog T Ch Raennik Natan) attempting a TSD3 track. The flow on effects of track delays and travel between tracks saw Jax's track go out an hour late (the track has a minimum 2 hour wait with a maximum 4 hour wait while we aim for the minimum time sometimes things just don't go to plan). So despite starting late and having the distraction of a small loose dog and the dog's mate the cat at the start, from what I hear Jax started well and managed to get himself an article indication – great stuff Jax- before becoming distracted by the wallabies and the water (by now the day had heated up significantly). Not quite sure where things took the turn for the worse but overshooting the last turn and heading towards a busy road saw Jax's day called off. Sadly, not Janette and Jax's day in the end.

Despite the very low success rate of this trial we saw some huge improvements in the tracking abilities of a number of dogs who have been struggling this season. We saw articles indicated by dogs who have struggled with articles and articles ignored by dogs who normally indicate. We saw handler errors and lack of team work, and some awesome teamwork. Seriously, the improvements in dogs and handlers over the season has been fantastic to observe. Keep up the good work and let's see what the 2020 season will bring (wow haven't written 2020 down before)!

Congratulations on the midterm theory success by Janette Cussons and Carolyn Lynn for their Track and Search judges training. I myself await Dogs Queensland notification regarding elevation to a qualified Track and Search Judge.

To all our helpers – both those running and not running a dog thank you for your multi-tasking – handling, tracklaying, stewarding..... To those who came out to help that where not running dogs thank you from the bottom of my heart your help was gratefully appreciated.

Mal Holland thank you for your mentorship you're never failing to have an answer to "just one more tracking question" for all those tasks set involved in trainee track and search judges training and the never-ending question "is your log book up to date" Thank you.

Mal and Dawn a big thank you for going above and beyond with looking after our judge Coral for the weekend as well as providing the bush breakfast in the tracking paddock on Sunday morning.

Renate Linder as always thank you for looking after Rosemary throughout the trial weekend while having your own training commitments with agility.

Renate and Judy Forbes-Faulkner thank you so much for breakfast. Breakfast as always was wonderful.

Lastly and most importantly thank you to our Judges of the weekend Mrs Coral Pethers and Ms Rosemary Sehl, without you we cannot run a trial.

Qual or not the most important thing to remember is we each take the best dog home at the end of the day / trial...

Happy Tracking, and see you all at the next trial in 2020.

**Debbie Schmidt**  
**COCT Track and Search Coordinator.**



# Tracking Trial Report

**Sunday, 14 July 2019**

**Judges : Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane) &  
Ms Rosemary Sehl (Rockhampton)**



Townsville's final tracking trial of the year was a busy one with 7 entries working across multiple paddocks at Alice River. Some areas were only accessible via the back gate so everyone was kept hopping, with the importance of everyone working together to be where they needed when needed.



It was a nice crisp morning, so great tracking weather for Coral's first team out up in the back paddock, with Julie Doig and Gus (Ardarstern Hey True Blue, Smooth Collie) working hard to find their track layer Debbie and earning a T2 Pass (*pictured left*).

Then it was back up the road to the front paddock with Jens Didriksen and Zelic (Moya Mr Didriksen, Rottweiler), doing some beautiful concentrated tracking on their T5 test. Unfortunately, they came unstuck at the last turn, but this team did awesome work through 90% of their track, showed great improvement and were a pleasure to follow.

They were followed by Jinni Casson and Jon (Golden Retriever) from Cairns an a T4 test. Jon started well on the first leg, stopping for a personal moment, but on taking the first turn decided that he wasn't having any of 'that bush' at which point Jinni called the track, so not this time guys.

Coral's last team out was Tanya Hill and Isa (Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair AI, Doberman) on their T7 Test. Isa worked well in a pretty dry paddock track, over shot a couple of turns and had to work her way back, but indicated her articles and achieved a 'Good' pass at this level (*pictured below left*).



Rosemary also started up in the back paddock with Carolyn Lynn and Moxie (Singha Moxie, German Shepherd Dog) attempting their T2 test. They worked well on all elements., found their tracklayer Snow and attained a "Very Good" pass (*pictured above right*).

Unfortunately, that's where Rosemary's run finished, with her next team Annette Woolley and Ace (Havelock Eli, GSD) from Cairns, having done his required article being called when he overshot a turn and was heavily committed to continuing on.

Julie Combridge and Tara (Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN, GSD) were Rosemary's final team drawing the short straw over in the cattle paddock, the start of the track was heavily contaminated as the cattle had passed through while the track was being laid and by this time the conditions were very dry as the day was really warming up. Tara worked extremely hard to get around the first few legs and then Julie seeing Tara starting to really feel the heat, chose to call the track, doing the right thing in the interest of her dog as a good handler should. Another reason to always carry a small flask of water so you can request permission from the Judge to water your dog. Very few Judges will deny this request, especially in our climate.

Although seemingly not as successful for some of our teams as our previous trial, there was much to be learned by those transitioning from rural bush tracking to variable surface urban tracking, which has its own challenges and distractions, also for those stepping up a level whether as beginners or intermediate level as we learn how our dogs react to the more challenging tracks and different stimuli. No two tracks are ever the same regardless of terrain etc because of the ever-changing environment, but each exposes new reactions to observe in our canine partners and challenges to work on to improve our work as a team. So much so that Jens and Zelic's run and work ethic was voted 'Track of the Day' by their Judge, such a totally different work run from the previous trial.

Congratulations to those who qualified and best of luck next time to all our other competitors. We all have areas to work on (everyone still needs to work at consolidating article indications, especially me and we are currently working on just that) and I also need to work on proofing for environmental distractions.

My take home from yet another trial is that everyone, myself included needs to work heavily on article indications (I know I keep harping on this, but without the indication you will not pass the test regardless of how well the dog works – I know this from experience), work on achieving the ultimate indication in training as we will all definitely want to see a solid improvement across the board in the next season and variable component training (ie track variables – break it down, variable length, hot and/or aged tracks, article only run, variable surfaces etc, get an area solid before increasing criteria, rotate training areas - keeping it interesting for the dog).

It was a great to see everyone have a great weekend, even if not everyone was successful on the day, as every time we enter the paddock we learn more about how our dogs work and get great advice from our Judges. Remember, regardless of the results on the day – we each still take the best dog home.....it's not all about winning, it's about the journey with our 4-legged mates and the camaraderie of the sport we love. The organisation of any successful trial, especially tracking takes the input of many people and I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all our judges, stewards, local track setters who regularly give up their weekends to pre-set all of the tracks for this trial and track layers without whom there would be no competition - handlers, please don't forget to thank those involved on the day.

Many thanks to our Judges Coral and Rosemary. Also, everyone still participating in the Track and Search Judge's Training Scheme - our trainee T&S Judges Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn, the ever-supportive Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance and advice with all things tracking.

Many thanks also to Mal and Dawn Holland for journeying out to the tracking paddock on a cool Sunday morning with a fabulous bush breakfast of bacon and eggs, followed by yet another superb sponge by Debbie Schmidt, it was scrumptious and much appreciated by all.

If I've failed to mention anyone personally, please know that I appreciate every and any assistance given.

See you all back on the track at the next trial in 2020.

**Note:** Due to the increase in TSD numbers and the logistics of running both Tracking/Track and Search trials on concurrently over the same weekend, it was decided that all Track and Search trials would be run on Friday/Saturdays and Tracking trials would be limited to single trials on Sundays, therefore balloting rules will apply for both. All handlers are required to attend prepared to help with trial preparation and running of same.

**Janette Cussons**  
COCT Tracking Coordinator

TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE			
Saturday 13 July 2019			
<b>Judges : Mrs Coral Pethers &amp; Ms Rosemary Sehl (Judge's Elevation test)</b>			
Competitor	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
<b>Track : TSD2</b>			
SN Pfuhl & Ms TN Hill (Tanya Hill Handller)	Ch Kriegmann Varnity Fair (AI) TDX	Doberman	Pass
TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER			
Sunday 14 July 2019			
<b>Judge : Mrs Coral Pethers</b>			
Competitor	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
<b>Track : T CH.7</b>			
SN Pfuhl & Ms TN Hill(Tanya Hill Handller)	Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI) TDX	Doberman	Good
<b>Track: TD2</b>			
Julie Doig	Ardarstern Hey True Blue	Collie (Smooth)	Pass
<b>Judge: Ms Rosemary Sehl</b>			
<b>Track:TD2</b>			
Carolyn Lynn	Singha Moxie	German Shepherd Dog	Very Good

## TRIAL SECRETARY AGM REPORT 2018-2019

Well what an eventful year it has been for both the Club and its competitors in Obedience, Rally-O, Agility and Jumpers, starting August 2018 with a double trial where there were numerous successes in all fields. This was followed by our early September trial and was very successful with lots of qualifications in all levels of competition. Sadly, it was also the last time we saw Judge Jody Brown in Townsville as he passed away a few weeks later. For both of these trials I would like to thank all the helpers, stewards, handler's with stand in dogs and of course all the members who provided such excellent meals and desserts.

Then the event in 200 years happened to Townsville and the town was inundated with up to 2 metres of water in some areas. This forced lots of members out of their homes and some had to leave the area with their beloved pets. This also affected our ability to train for long periods of time so when we were finally able to compete again most handlers had done little or no training, but still had fun at the April trial.

This was followed by further disruption as the council moved us out of Heatley Park so they could do their park development. We were relocated to Cutheringa Park which is the home of Wests Cricket Club. The Club was very accommodating and the grassed area was amazing but unfortunately the lighting was not really suitable for running obedience or agility dogs but despite this there were a few excellent results, most notably Lisa Sinclair and her Border Collie Coffee Crème gaining their UD Title. I would also like to thank Joy and Glenn Tones for supplying their caravan for the catering and once again all the members who supplied dishes. Joy also had an excellent supply of coffee for all the judges and handlers.

This was followed by a return to our home ground of Heatley Park after its renovation (*below*). Unfortunately, the surface was like a dust bowl for the first competition back and there was a lot of rubbish that required removing. Despite this our crew of helpers, stewards and caterers were all on hand to make the trial a success.



Reports for each individual trial are in the Companion Dog magazine where you can see all the various successes.

Finally, well done to all the competitors you have all made this very eventful 12 months enjoyable. Thanks once again to all the helpers with a special mention to Renate Linder who is always there to help, also thanks to Snow Standen, Julie Doig, Debbie Schmidt, Lisa Sinclair and Deb Fazel for their stewarding skills and Leisa Cassidy and Linda King for all their expertise with K9 entries and the agility trial management. Also, to all the numerous members who helped with the catering you certainly impressed all our visiting judges and handlers. And last but not least, thank you to our Judges who travelled from near and far to judge our trials.

Happy trialling for the 2019-2020 season ahead of us.

**Judy Forbes-Faulkner, Trial Secretary 2018-2019**



## SPORTS DOG CO-ORDINATOR AGM REPORT 2018-2019

The role of sports dog coordinator was introduced to the club in late 2018. With the aim of assisting club members achieve their goals of improving their own and their dogs' skills in / with sports dog events. I use the term sports dog rather than the individual ANKC competition titles such as Obedience, Rally O, Agility, Tracking and Track and Search. These are the competitions / trials currently undertaken by the club. 2020 will see the introduction of Tricks and Scent work these may or may not become club sports.

January 2019 saw Julie, Janette, Carolyn and Myself with the oversight / support of Mal travel to Rockhampton to undertake training on foundation obedience work with Glynis and Sam Hendricks of Havelock German Shepherds. See the separate report regarding the training presented early in the year.

Despite some awesome plans and enthusiasm, the commencement of Sports Dog Training has not gone smoothly. There are a number of reasons for this the primary one I blame is the floods which devastated Townsville in January. This meant Julie Doig, Carolyn Lynn, Janette Cussons along with myself and Mal and Dawn Holland become stranded in Mackay for four days with all access to Townsville by road closed. We were very lucky to find some awesome pet friendly accommodation in Mackay for the duration of our stay. This already cut into the one-month consolidation work / training in our plan.

It had been planned to use the 4 to 6 weeks post training in Rockhampton to consolidate the training and then commence with an introduction night / presentation which would show and explain the start of the training program we had undertaken and where the local training would start and progress.

Ongoing rain, wet club grounds and then the awesome workshop for Pet Dog Training by Gay Westmore further delayed plans. Requirements for Track and Search and Rally O judges training further eroded time. Council works on the club grounds and the move to temporary grounds definitely did not help the situation.

An Obedience Stewarding Workshop was arranged and conducted by our local obedience judge Judy Forbes Faulkner. This was run to address a need

identified by the club in 2018 regarding the need for more stewards capable of assisting on trial nights with the competition rings. A n excellent run workshop and much new knowledge and skills achieved by those who attended.

A Rally O stewarding workshop was also planned but had to be cancelled due to the weather and conflicting times with upcoming obedience trials. This workshop will still be conducted at a later date.

A questionnaire was sent out with the aim of identifying the goals and needs of the trialling / pre trialling club members. The results were presented at a monthly meeting.

Several Thursday night sessions were conducted. Challenging with the need to provide background information that was to be presented at the information presentation (people no dogs).

The first session was on engagement and where your current engagement with your dog is at. A little daunting to head into the ring and maintain your dog's focus for one minute without the dog "checking" out. Some awesome work guys and thanks for putting yourselves out there to see where you and your dog are at.

A session on stationary heel position followed as well as some ad hoc sessions on training nights.

At each of these sessions a handout on topics covered as well as other information covered in Rockhampton was available for participants to take home for information and practise. While time consuming to produce in the future these maybe used to create a training guide.

Depending on the wishes regarding ongoing training of club members a presentation session that was to have been had prior to commencement will now be arranged as we are back on club grounds and have access to the clubhouse. With progression from there to practical training sessions.

**Debbie Schmidt**  
**Sports Dog Coordinator 2018-2019**



## TRACK AND SEARCH CO-ORDINATOR AGM REPORT 2018-2019

1 January 2019 marked the day Tracking and Track and Search become individual dog sports. No longer was it necessary for your dog to achieve its Tracking Champion to be eligible to compete in a Track and Search Trial. From this date any dog over the age of 6 months was eligible to enter and to compete. With this track and search trial numbers increased (but not as much as was anticipated) with this change in eligibility. 2018 saw 6 dogs entered each trial. 2019 saw 7 to 10 entries per trial. Here in Townsville from the first trial of the season our dog and handler numbers have sat at almost maximum numbers per trial for the entire season. While this has challenged the available resources, it has just been manageable. The potential influx of dogs and handlers totally new to the sport did not eventuate here in Townsville in 2019. What we did see was a number of handlers working their dogs both in the bush and the park and urban environs of track and search. What will 2020 bring? This we wait to see.

In anticipation of the potential numbers increase an additional double track and search trial was added to the COCT track and search tracking calendar with dogs Queensland approval. This trial became the March double trial. The start of 2019 was not kind to Townsville. The January floods devastated the town, the people, the dogs, the tracking grounds both urban and rural. Our urban parklands suffered first from the debris left from then floods, then many of the parks are been unusable due to council works since the water levels dropped and the grounds dried out. Our tracking grounds on the property of Geoff and Vicki Toomby where severely damaged with significant losses / damage to both property and livestock. This damage meant the first tracking trial of the season was cancelled and a second double track and search trial conducted in April with Dogs Queensland approval.

May, June and July saw the advertised single track and search trials conducted. As a result, the COCT ran 7 track and search trials for 2019. An enormous undertaking by anyone's accounting.

2019 proved challenging in contracting track and search judges for several of the trials for differing reasons. Each trial requires 2 track and search judges to enable 8 entries to run over a single day. I would like to thank each of our judges for not only providing their time and experience in judging but in also in supporting and allowing the trainee track and search judges to steward and shadow judge on a number of their tracks during each trial. Thank you to Mrs Coral Pethers for stepping in for the May trial that we had been unable to contract a judge for. A special mention of thanks also to Mr Mal Holland for stepping in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour for the May trial when the contracted judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel fell ill and was unable to attend.

Once again judges training for track and search was ably mentored by Mr Mal Holland. From one trainee in 2018 to 3 in 2019. Janette Cussons and Carolyn Lynn commenced training in 2019 and sat their midterm (year 1 of a 2-year training program) during the July trial and Debbie Schmidt sat elevation exams both theory and practical during the same trial. 2020 will see the final year of training for both Janette and Carolyn. As a result, for 2020 the tracking and track and search trial programs will remain unchanged to allow their training to progress towards elevation to track and search judges.

The 2019 rule changes saw the introduction of additional stewards for each track. So along with the track steward who accompanies the judge a tracklayer steward (to ensure tracklayer safety) was required as well as a handler steward being required for all urban tracks and other tracks as required by the judge. This means each track required a tracklayer, diversion tracklayer as required by the track plus 3 stewards and the judge for each dog and handler – hence 5 or 6 persons needed per track. This did stretch our resources to the limit. All handlers where required as tracklayers, to assist as stewards as well as run their dogs. Partway through the season as help required a flyer was sent to club members for assistance. A big thank you to Emma, Samantha, Deb (our PDT coordinator and a friend) Julies son Jason for answering the call to help. Renate thank you for your night track tracklayer safety skills. Louise (visiting from NZ and dragged out at 5am as a tracklayer). To all and everyone who I may have missed thank you. To our wonderful providers of breakfast Dawn and Mal Holland and Renate Linder ably assisted by Judy Forbes-Faulkner thank you for keeping all fed with patience, grace and good will even when I managed to miss count and we either had too many or not enough turn up for breakfast.

2019 saw a total of 55 dogs entered on tracks commencing with the TSD1 right through to TSD10. There were 17 quals awards with gradings from pass to excellent (pass = 2, Good = 4, Very Good = 9 and Excellent = 2). This included 3 titles a Track and Search Dog, Track and Search Dog Excellent and a Track and Search Champion. There were 13-night tracks run (TSD6, TSD8 and TSD10) over the trial season. There were 5 withdrawals for various reasons. 2019 also saw for the first time in many years the need to run a ballot for available tracks. Following each Track and Search Trial a full report was submitted for all to read. In brief the following results were achieved during the 2019 track and search season.

#### **March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 Trial One Results.**

Judges: MS Rosemary Sehl (Rockhampton) and Mr Roel Wittkamp (Tablelands)

Entries = 7                  Withdrawn = 1                  Quals = 3

1. Marilyn McKee and Ollie – TSD1 – Good (judge Roel Wittkamp).
2. Helen Lofthouse and Nina – TSD4 – Good (judge Rosemary Sehl).
3. Debbie Schmidt and Furi -TSD5 – Very Good (judge Roel Wittkamp).

#### **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 Trial Two Results.**

Judges: MS Rosemary Sehl (Rockhampton) and Mr Roel Wittkamp (Tablelands)

Entries = 7                  Quals = 3.

1. Julie Combridge and Tara – TSD1 – Good (judge Roel Wittkamp).
2. Simon Lofthouse and Wilbur – TSD3 -**Track and Search Dog Title** – Very Good (judge Rosemary Sehl).
3. Helen Lofthouse and Nina – TSD5 – Very Good (judge Roel Wittkamp).

#### **April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Trial One results.**

Judges: Mrs Heidi Christoffel (Mackay) and Mr Roel Wittkamp (Tablelands).

Entries = 8.                  Withdrawn = 1.                  Quals = 2

1. Silke Weyland and Aska -TSD4 – Very Good (judge Roel Wittkamp).
2. Debbie Schmidt and Furi -TSD6 – **Track and Search Dog Excellent Title** - Very Good (judge Heidi Christoffel).

#### **April 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 Trial Two Results.**

Judges: Mrs Heidi Christoffel (Mackay) and Mr Roel Wittkamp (Tablelands).

Entries = 7                  Withdrawn = 2                  Quals = 3.

1. Janette Cussons and Jax – TSD2 – Very Good (judge Heidi Christoffel)
2. Marilyn McKee and Ollie – TSD2 – Very Good (judge Heidi Christoffel).
3. Debbie Schmidt and Furi -TSD7 – Excellent (judge Roel Wittkamp).

#### **May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 Results.**

Judges: Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane) and Mr Mal Holland (Townsville).

Entries = 8                  Quals = 4.

1. Tanya Hill and Isa – TSD1 – Very Good (judge Coral Pethers).
2. Anette Woolley and Ace – TSD1 – Pass (judge mal Holland).
3. Julie Combridge and Tara – TSD2 – Good (judge Mal Holland).
4. Debbie Schmidt and Furi -TSD8 – **Track and Search Champion Title** - Excellent (judge Mal Holland).

#### **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 Results.**

Judges: Mrs Heidi Christoffel (Mackay) and Mrs Debby Lamprecht (Brisbane).

Entries = 10                  Withdrawn = 1                  Quals = 1

1. Debbie Schmidt and Furi – TSD9 – Very Good (judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel).

#### **July 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Results.**

Judges: Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane) and Ms Rosemary Sehl (Rockhampton).

Entries = 8                  Quals = 1

1. Tanya Hill and Isa (Doberman) TSD2 – Pass (judge Coral Pethers)

The qual rate of around 33% is not a high one and in all honesty does not reflect the work put in by the handlers with their dogs over the season. The improvements seen from trial one in March to the last one in July were huge. A huge learning curve for those dogs still working towards their tracking championships to come out of the paddock and into the parklands of town with all the people, dogs, more wildlife in Townsville than in the bush... Beautiful stuff to see. Now if article indications became so important to the dogs as the track is to them our pass rates would have been a lot higher... No names mentioned here...

An identified problem throughout the season was handlers not arriving in time for the Friday muster track setting and track walking which resulted in some delays with Saturday tracks going out, articles misplaced and just generally being unsure of their required tasks to assist in the smooth running of a trial. We each want our tracks to run smoothly so as courtesy to each other we all need to be aware of what we need to do to help each other. 2020 will see the requirement of attending the Friday muster. The local handlers / helpers cannot continue to take leave to ensure Friday night tracks are able to run and the Saturday tracks are organised if those involved in the tracks are unable to make themselves available. To be fair to each other all need to work together because together we all achieve more.

2020 will also see an end to the club provided breakfasts at track and search trials. Presentations will continue to occur at the end of the Saturdays tracking. The location of the presentations is yet to be determined. Second finally I would like to once again thank all who have been involved in the 2019 track and search season for making the season a wonderful time for all.

Finally, to Mal tracking mentor extraordinaire thank you for pushing me into and then educating and challenging me to think all things track and search to enable the setting and judging of a "fair track for a fair test for dog and handler". No more "is your log book up to date". Thank you also to fellow trainees Janette and Carolyn as well as Julie (who has assisted in the training since the start of tracking judges training) and the rest of the tracking tragics – Julie, Jens and Snow - for helping get to the place of sitting judges' elevation.

Remember we each take the best dog home at the end of the day regardless of qual or not.

Happy tracking, and see you all in 2020.

**Debbie Schmidt**  
**Track and Search Coordinator 2018-2019**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 5 AUGUST 2019**

### **TRACKING CO-ORDINATOR AGM REPORT 2018-2019**

Well the end of July 2019 sees another successful year of Townsville tracking nearly done & dusted!

It's been another busy year once again with all four local judges heavily involved in Track & Search judges training - Debbie Schmidt successfully completing her 2<sup>nd</sup> year & judges elevation examinations, all while campaigning her girl Furi to TSD9 level locally (congratulations Debbie & good luck with your continuing journey to Grand Champion), while Carolyn Lynn & myself have completed our first year of training & successfully passed our midterm papers, so the core training team (Mal Holland, Carolyn Lynn, Debbie Schmidt & myself) has continued working on expanding our education on all things scent related throughout the year including our attendance as several scent works workshops etc., as well as helping out with a 2 day beginner's workshop earlier in the year. This saw both last year's beginners & a couple of new perspective beginners out in the paddock learning some of the foundation skills of tracking. Silke Weyland of the Cairns City kennel Club also presented a beginner's workshop for our northern friends, to encourage & assist in the re-establishment of their own tracking group, Silke has also managed to secure new tracking grounds so things are looking good up north.

This year's Townsville tracking season has not been without challenges.....

After the devastation of the February Townsville floods, we did fear we would not be back in the rural tracking paddocks at all this season, especially since our property owners Geoff & Vicki Toomby had suffered devastating paddock damage/stock losses with the surviving stock remaining traumatized for some time – this lead the club & the tracking fraternity past & present to run a small fundraiser to assist in their flood recovery for which the Toomby's have asked me to pass on their appreciation to the club & all concerned.

Due to the ensuing damage & still wet paddock conditions, with Dogs Queensland approval, we elected to cancel our April Tracking Trial this season & offer a double Track & Search Trial in lieu. The paddocks are now dry, but very rough – gullies have opened further or cut through roads & the ground is pock marked with ruts & hole, but by May we could track, although with limited area as we opted not to use any stocked paddocks, hopefully giving the them time to recuperate further.

We must thank Coral Pethers, who kindly volunteered to assist when we were unable to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> Track & Search judge for this trial weekend & Mal Holland who kindly stepped in at the last minute when our scheduled T&S judge Heidi Christoffel fell ill to avoid the necessity of a ballot, many thanks Mal.

And so our season started, a bit late & trying logistically, due to the closure of the Alice River bridge & other issues listed etc, but it was so great to be able to offer at least a couple of limited trials to the NQ tracking fraternity in a year we thought there would be none.

It's only thanks to the commitment & enthusiasm of our core team of helpers & supporters we've managed to maintain the standard & camaraderie of our trials throughout. Many thanks to the team for all of your help & support throughout the year. Despite that rain & the uneven ground, the floods did clean out some, but not all of the undergrowth in some paddocks, this has been another trying year grounds wise with the paddocks either still quite overgrown due to destocking/regrowth or very short & dry, finding suitable areas to run all of the handler teams has been extremely challenging, everyone rotates through the worst/best paddocks & there have been times we've reluctantly advised people not to run given our available areas & the size/age of their dogs. People who then choose to enter against that advice obviously do so at their own risk.

We are very lucky to have the ongoing support of our wonderful property owners Geoff & Vicki Toomby & it's of utmost importance that we assist them by ensuring that the biosecurity forms are completed by everyone entering the property at anytime for COCT activities – please don't forget to sign the visitors forms when requested.

Unfortunately, with the continuation of Track & Search judges training we will be unable to make all the required changes to our current trial preparation for this & the next trialling season at this time so we will be running TSD/Tracking over the same weekend for the bulk of our trials in the coming year, will probably continue to require 2 judges for each discipline/trial (can't see a more economical solution at present unfortunately) & still need to pre-set tracks for our judges wherever possible, many tracks may have to be set either the weekend or the Saturday immediately before trials as we cannot keep utilizing all of our annual leave for trial preparation, this also means out of town competitors will have to arrive early enough to make themselves available to assist with track setting & trial preparation as required (a standard requirement for every other tracking club). The results may not show it, but what a great season of tracking we've had!! The improvement in the quality of the dogs' work ethics & concentration speaks volumes for the work put in by the teams throughout the off-season & beyond.



The tracking year saw the following results :-

**April Tracking** – Trial cancelled due to flooding

**May Tracking** saw results as follows - 7 entries, 3 quals

1. Michael Bresnan & Cobrizidos Isla Verde (Oscar – Hungarian Vizsla) – T1, 'Good' (judge Mrs Coral Pethers)
2. Julie Combridge & Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN (Tara - GSD) – T4, 'Good' (judge Janette Cussons)
3. Carolyn Lynn & Singha Moxie (Moxie - GSD) – T1, 'Good', (judge Janette Cussons)

**June Tracking** was a quiet trial results as follows – 5 entries, 1 withdrawal, 1 qual

1. Craig Northover & Usakose Game On (Chess – Rhodesian Ridgeback) – TD3 (Tracking Dog Title) , 'Pass' (judge Carolyn Lynn)

**July Tracking** saw results as follows - 7 entries, 3 quals

1. Tanya Hill handler & Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair AI (Isa – Doberman) – TCh 7, 'Good' (judge Mrs Coral Pethers)
4. Julie Doig & Gus (Collie – Smooth) – T2, 'Pass' (judge Mrs Coral Pethers)
5. Carolyn Lynn & Singha Moxie (Moxie - GSD) – T2, 'Very Good' (judge Ms Rosemary Sehl)

Special mention to Jens Didriksen & his Rottweiler Zelic who, although they didn't qualify on the day took out Coral's 'Track of The Day' in our last trial of the season for the dog which worked the steadfastly on the track (T5 test) throughout until the final turn – high praise I must say & truly a pleasure to steward.

All in all, the year saw 7 quals which included 1 title. Congratulations to everyone who achieved quals/titles & best of luck next year

Many, many thanks to Mal & Dawn Holland who dragged their BBQ out to the paddocks, around the damaged bridge throughout the season to provide our judges, competitors/workers with a great breakfast after each tracking trial, while Mal & Dawn Holland & Renate Linder with Judy Forbes-Faulkner's assistance once again also provided wonderfully for the Track & Search competitors at each trial. Many thanks to Mal, Dawn, Renate & Judy.

With the splitting of TSD & Tracking opening Track & Search to all levels, we e now have multiple local handlers competing at TSD level & we still have several teams bordering on Tracking Dog Excellent/Championship & hope to encourage some new local triallers to swell the ranks, along with our visitors from out of town so next year may start more slowly & build or start with a bang & just keep building..... I really think that TSD in particular will continue to build but it's still extremely difficult to plan for or judge at this point. In order for our sport to continue to flourish it's important that as our experienced triallers move on to the higher levels of urban Track & Search, they continue to maintain their commitment to & assistance with bush tracking.

This year has seen an increase of out of town entries & handlers with multiple dog entries & while with the awesome & much appreciated help of our local obedience supporters/competitors & their families, & by the girls & I utilizing our annual leave to allow us to pre-set/map tracks weekdays prior to trials, we've been able to accommodate everybody/all dogs this year (we've even called on our overseas members to help out as tracklayers during their holidays), however this cannot continue – handlers must be prepared to assist (arriving early enough to do so) with track setting, laying of tracks & bring a helper wherever possible, especially if entering multiple dogs or we will be forced to start balloting tracks – not something we are keen to do as we like to encourage all to participate in our great sport .....

This year has been another exceedingly busy one, with continuing commitments to the judges training program – I'd like to personally thank all who have helped out, particularly Debbie, Carolyn & Julie Doig who has assisted with all levels of the training program from start to finish. Our small group of core competitors & helpers – Julie, Snow & Jens who never fail to put their hand up wherever needed.

A huge thanks to all our helpers be they judges, stewards, tracklayers etc. In thanking all of our helpers during the year, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to all of our non-tracking helpers during the year particularly those who have come out to act as tracklayers for the competitors, namely, Debbie's partner Dave, Julie's son Jason & friend Cath, Craig Northover, Louise Ashworth & Rod Standen etc. Remember, it's difficult & a big ask to get people (usually family/friends) to leave their warm bed in the early hours to sit out in the cold in the hope of being 'found' by a dog, so please don't forget to show your appreciation of their efforts during the trials!

And a special thanks to Mal & Dawn Holland for their ongoing advice, support & encouragement throughout the year, without which I wouldn't manage. I close by wishing you all well in your trialling endeavours for the upcoming year.

**Janette Cussons**

**Tracking Coordinator 2018-2019**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 5 AUGUST 2019**

### **TROPHY OFFICER REPORT 2018-2019**

#### **TRIAL PRIZES**

Trial prizes consisted of a variety of dog treats and toys, chocolates, and the free trial entry vouchers – two awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, one for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - which are the equivalent to the cost of one trial entry. Dog or household items were occasionally included for a bit of extra variety if I found something that was a good price and couldn't resist buying. Special thanks for Debbie Schmidt and her plaiting skills in making up the tug toys, some plain, some with toys attached. They have proven to be a popular prize.

With everything increasing in cost there is always the challenge of finding a variety of different and useful items and still stay within the budget for first, second and third place for Obedience, Rally-O, Agility/Jumpers and Agility Games so advantage is taken of sales from various local and online pet stores where I can stock up the prize cupboard. I think I might have the record for the greatest number of loyalty cards held by a single person, but they all help save the club \$\$'s and allows me to buy more expensive items at a discounted rate.

Tracking and Track & Search ribbons were purchased from Australian Show Ribbons in Warwick and as always, their customer service is second to none.

#### **TITLE AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

A range of wine and drinking glasses, coffee mugs and stubby coolers were available for competitors to select for their 2018 Title Trophies. Glasses and coffee mugs were engraved by NQ Plaques and Trophies, although no one chose the stubby coolers that year. Title Patches were awarded with each Title Trophy, and were made by Unique Embroidery.

Eight Title Trophies were awarded for Obedience; nine for Rally-O; nine for Agility/Jumpers/Agility Games; three for Tracking; two for Track & Search, and none for Endurance. Two Tracking Championship Titles were also awarded. Numbers were on par for Obedience from last year, but slightly down in the other events.

Of the 23 Perpetual Trophies, nineteen were awarded at our 2018 Christmas Breakup and Presentation night, one more than in 2017 - seven in Obedience, five Rally-O, one each for Tracking and Track and Search, two Agility and three Jumpers.

2018 saw two Championship Titles awarded, both in Tracking to Julie Doig and Zoe, and Janette Cussons and Jax. Portrait photos of each dog supplied by the owners were professionally framed by Top Frames and awarded at our breakup last year.

While it was hard to beat the record number of Title and Championships won in 2017, 2018 was still a great year for the Club. We'll have to wait and see what the end of this current season of 2019 brings us.

#### **JUDGES GIFTS**

\$40 Coles/Myer gift cards were presented to our hard-working Judge's again this year, and I'm sure they would have found something useful or indulgent to purchase from the wide range of stores on where they can be used.

***Diane MacIntyre***  
***Trophy Officer 2018-2019***

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 5 AUGUST 2019**

### **DEMONSTRATION & PUBLICITY REPORT 2018 - 2019**

#### **DEMONSTRATIONS**

With the demise of one of our regular annual events the Club attends, The Million Paws Walk, our Demonstration calendar was a little slim the last twelve months, participating only in the Townsville City Council Pet Expo. However, it still gave us the opportunity to speak with many people interested in Pet Dog Training and letting them know all the activities we offer.

#### **TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO**

The fifth annual Townsville Pet Expo was held on Sunday 9 June 2019 at Jezzine Barracks, and if possible, this year was even bigger than last. With more than 70 exhibitors the Expo expanded across the entire Barracks within two zones, each with its own event ring. The additional space gave everyone more room to move around instead of being squashed into the one area as in previous years.

Thanks to those who took part in the Rally O and Obedience demonstration – Judy and Pearl; Joy and Chewie; Linda and D’Arcy; Emma and Ava; and Katie with Lockie. With all the sights, sounds and new smells swirling around them, the dogs worked very well. Unfortunately the Club was allocated only one demonstration time slot right at the start of the morning at 8.10am, and while there were plenty of people around setting up their stalls at that time hardly any members of the public were on site which was quite disappointing as that was our one and only opportunity.

However, the morning soon became busy with hundreds of people strolling through checking out the stalls, asking for advice on all manner of pets – dogs, cats, reptiles, horses, birds and even the bees. The event rings had all manner of entertainment from our own obedience demo, agility, prison dog and drug dog displays, small dog dash, Dachshund Dash, horsemanship and Best Dressed Dog, just to name a few. The Dulux Dog, Greyhound Adoption Group, Hug and Pug, Dachshund Kissing Booth as well as many trade stalls were there.

Thanks to Noel McPherson for bringing all the gear down for us and returning it to the shipping containers at Cutheringa Park, and giving Deb & Glen

Fazel, Joy and myself a hand to set everything up. Also to Deb, Judy, Joy, Snow and Janette at our stall spoke to many pet owners enquiring about obedience training.

#### **PUBLICITY**

##### **Website**

Our website has all the info for new handlers wanting to train their dogs with class dates, cost and the forms needed to register. It has issues of the Club’s magazines going back to 2009, a photo gallery, Hall of Fame for our Champions (need some stories to go with the pictures for some of our latest Champions!), and everything to do on trialling.

##### **Facebook**

Our Facebook page has been up and running since May 2013 and is steadily growing with the number of ‘likes’ now numbering 667, up from 571 this time last year. It’s an easy and quick way of letting people know of upcoming events or training night cancellations.

##### **Fliers**

The info on the club’s fliers have changed from a nine-week course to seven. Remaining stock will be manually changed before handing out to vet clinics to include in their puppy packs, and were also handed out at the Townsville Pet Expo.

##### **Magazine**

As editor of the Companion Dog Magazine I’ve enjoyed putting together the bi-monthly magazine with feature stories on tracking and obedience trials to encourage club members to become more involved in the trialling world, as well as general interest stories.

Particular thanks to Janette Cussons and Debbie Schmidt for their descriptive reports on the Tracking and Track & Search trials and Debbie for the photos; Judy for the Obedience & Agility Trial reports; and Deb Fazel for the Training Co-ordinator report. I’m sure those stories and photos have encouraged new handlers to register for the workshops held throughout the year and boost trialling numbers.

Thankyou everyone who provided articles or photos over the last 12 months, your contributions have made every edition a great read. And last but not least, word of mouth is the easiest and best way of promoting the Club and its activities, which is something we can all do.

**Diane MacIntyre**

**Demonstration & Publicity Officer 2018-2019.**



## Acceptance by Dogs Queensland Nomination Life Membership for Mal Holland

As a current member of Dogs Queensland and Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc., I would like to nominate Mr Mal Holland for Life Membership of Dogs Queensland.

My rationale for supporting the nomination is as follows:

Throughout the time of my membership of both Dogs Qld and COCT, Mal Holland has been a constant presence and a hard-working member of the Club. He has served in a number of Executive positions on the Management Committee including President in 2005-2006, Vice-President 2015-2017 and is our current serving President. Mal Holland was also awarded a Life Membership of COCT Inc in 2008 for his dedication and outstanding service to the Club.

Mal Holland has been a member of the CCC since 1989. He has trained three dogs to Obedience champion, a Rottweiler, a Curly Coated Retriever and an Australian Kelpie. He has also trained 6 top level tracking dogs – 3 Tracking Champions and 3 others to Tracking Dog Excellent (prior to establishment of Tracking Champion Title)

For the last 29 years, Mal Holland has served the Queensland trialling community as an obedience, agility, tracking and track and search judge. He has been invited to judge at prestigious international (Singapore) and State events including the Brisbane Royal and Darwin Royal and has also judged interstate, including several Victorian tracking appointments. Mal, himself, as many can testify, has been a fierce competitor when representing the COCT at trials. He has always willingly shared his expertise as a judge and competitor with the trialling members of this Club and other regional Clubs.

Mal Holland has been heavily involved in the promotion of all competitive dog sports throughout North and Central Queensland with a special

interest in the establishment and promotion of tracking in the North. As well as his duties as local COCT Tracking Officer, he has run 22 Tracking Workshops for Northern areas from Mackay to Ingham and has also organized two Grand Prix Competitions one in Townsville (Obedience and Tracking) and one in Ingham (Obedience and Agility) to the value of \$10,000.00. As a Senior Judge, Mal Holland has been a Dogs Queensland mentor for tracking trainee judges from Mackay, Townsville and Ingham, has recently mentored a new group of local tracking judges to successful full elevation and he is currently continuing mentoring that group through the next 2-3 years of their education as perspective Track and Search judges. He is the current North Qld delegate on the Dogs Queensland Tracking Sub-Committee. He was instrumental in providing training for the existing Queensland tracking judges when Track and Search was introduced in 2009 and assisted with Obedience Judges Training in Townsville under Bob Bruce for 20 years.

In addition, Mal Holland's involvement with the promotion of canine good citizenship and care extends to his previous careers as both RAAF Military Working Dog Chief Instructor for 20 years (retired) and 19 years as RSPCA Inspector for NQ (retired).

I am sure there are many members of COCT who can provide more detailed information of Mal Holland's meritorious service to Dogs Queensland that will support his nomination for Life Membership should it be accepted.

**Janette Cussons**

**COCT Tracking Coordinator 2011-2018**

*Co-signatories*

**Debbie Schmidt** (COCT Assistant Tracking Officer)

**Heidi Christoffel** (COCT and DQ member)

**Mrs Cathy O'Shea** (COCT member) DQ/ANKC Judge (Obedience)



## **RALLY OBEDIENCE STEWARDING WORKSHOP**

### **Thursday 15 August 2019**

A small but very dedicated group of Club Members gathered for the Stewarding Workshop on Thursday evening at 6.00 pm run by myself and supported and assisted by our resident Judge Judy-Forbes Faulkner.

The evening started off in the club house with theory. A laminated handout on the various Stewarding roles was given to each participant to keep and bring to future Rally O trials as a reference when they are able to fulfill the role as a Rally O Steward. A good discussion followed and questions were fielded by the attendees in relation to these roles.

We then went on to discuss the Rally Obedience Rules which are specific to Stewarding in a trial environment. A very informative and enjoyable discussion ensued for about an hour.

The group then moved outside for some practical experience where they set up an Excellent Course. Each participant walked through the completed course and were given instructions on each station. The participants then took their dog through the course which was Stewarded by each other.

Considering an Excellent course is quite advanced and some of our participants have not yet stepped a foot in the trial ring, and the participants who have trialled are in Novice or Advance, everybody did a great job.

It was a pleasure to watch and be a part of this experience and see so much potential in our club members. The night seemed to fly by and we had to end the evening about 8.30 pm.

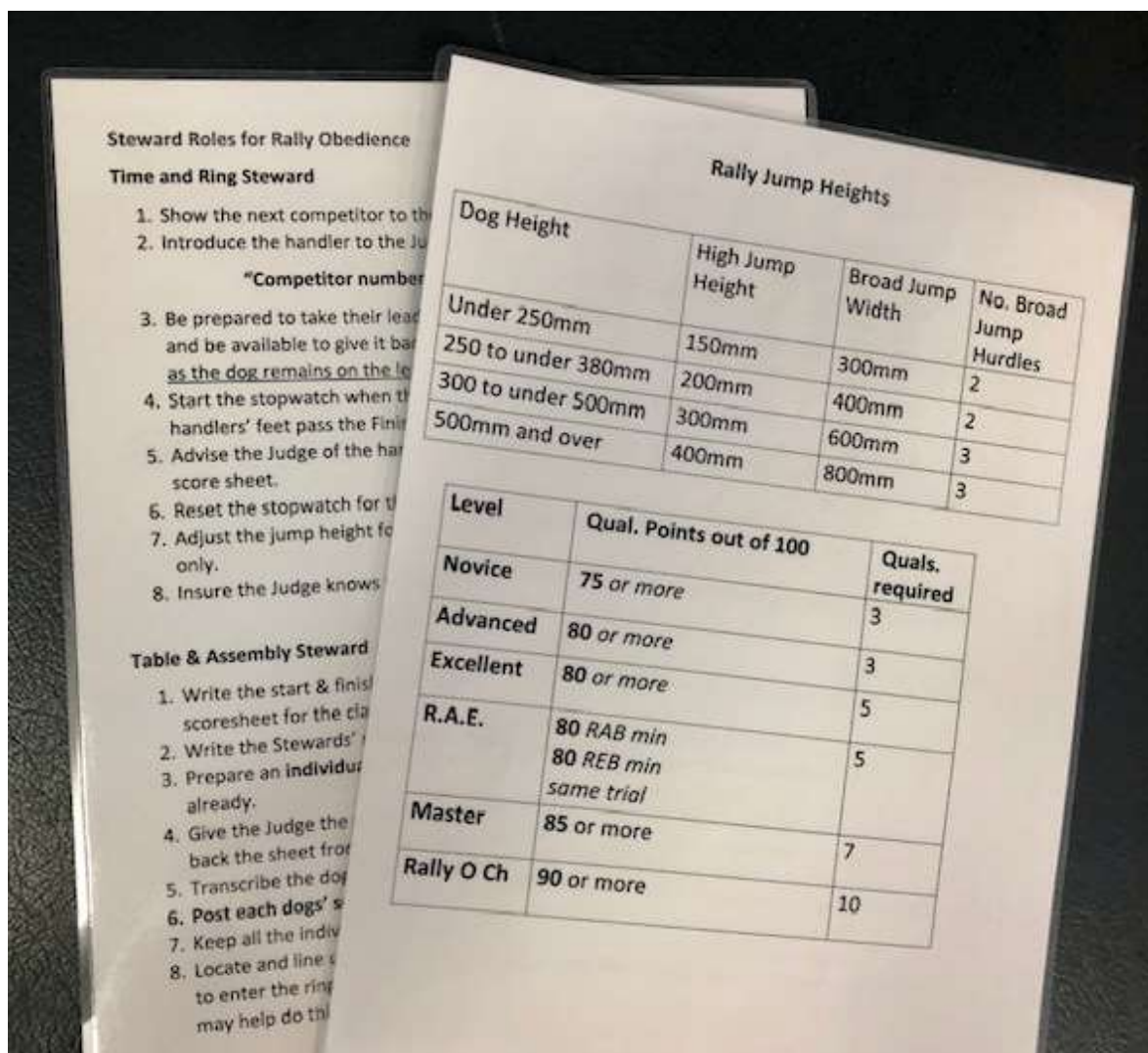
We received some great feedback and hope to do a follow-up course in the near future.

***Julie Doig***

***Trainee Rally-Obedience Judge / Club Instructor***









## 2019 TITLE TROPHIES

The end of the 2019 trialling season is nigh, and it's time for me to start working on end of year Title and Trophy awards.

**Note :** to apply for a Title Trophy, and be eligible for a Perpetual Trophy, you need to be a financial Club member at the time of gaining the Title.

### Title Trophies

There are several different types of glasses on offer as per list below. Glasses can be viewed in the display case in the clubhouse. Each is numbered, and has the number available in brackets as per below. Some glasses are no longer available to purchase, others I can still purchase as shown below.

Glass No.	Style	Glass No.	Style	Glass No.	Style
1.	Old fashioned scotch (3)	8.	High ball drinking (6)	15.	Pilsner (9)
2.	Flute (8)	9.	Tall beer glass (1)	16.	White Wine (5)
3.	Flute (2)	10.	Old fashioned scotch (9)	17.	Red wine (1)
4.	White wine (4)	11.	Old fashioned scotch (4)	18.	Red Wine (6)
5.	Old fashioned scotch (6)	12.	Flute (1)	19.	Champion Photo OR
6.	Red wine (1)	13.	Coffee mug – no limit		Trophy
7.	Pilsner (7)	14.	Stubby cooler – no limit		

### Championship Title Winners.

You have the choice of a professionally framed photo of your dog, or a trophy to the same value. If you want the photo :-

1. Provide a high quality, printed 8x10 photo of your dog, plus the complete kennel name and titles won up to the date the Championship Title was gained. I will arrange for it to be professionally framed.
2. Email the photo to me and I'll arrange for it to be displayed on the Club's Hall of Fame Honour Board.

To get a head start on the end of year rush please complete the Title Application form on the next page with your details and the reference number of the glass, and either place in the folder in the clubhouse or scan and email to me.

**NOTE :-** If you don't want to apply for a title trophy could you please send me your dog's achievements for the year so all your hard work and successes can be recorded and acknowledged. It will also help determine winners of the perpetual trophies.

Thank you!

**Diane MacIntyre**  
Trophy Officer

**COCT INC TITLE APPLICATION 2019  
ONE APPLICATION PER DOG PER TITLE**




**You must be a financial member of COCT Inc at the time Title achieved**

Place completed applications in folder marked TITLE APPLICATIONS 2019 in Clubhouse  
or scan and email to Diane at [dandr11@aapt.net.au](mailto:dandr11@aapt.net.au) by **Sunday 3 November 2019**

Your name		Phone number	
Text to be engraved as per examples below. <b>What you put in here is what will be engraved on the glass.</b>			
Dog's call name			
Glass number / photo			

**Note :** The length of the dog's name plus the number of titles will determine the size of the text being engraved. The longer the name and titles, the smaller the text will be. You can choose from any of the examples below.

**PLEASE SELECT THE ENGRAVING STYLE YOU WANT BY PLACING A TICK AGAINST ONE OF THE EXAMPLES BELOW.**

<p align="center">RE Belgte Black Magic CCD CD RA TD AD JD SD</p>  <p align="center">Renate Linder 2013</p>	<p align="center">GD Moya Sunrise Poppy</p>  <p align="center">Louise Ashworth 2013</p>	<p align="center">ET Holly</p>  <p align="center">Mal Holland 2013</p>
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Attach copies or originals of qualification cards AND the ANKC Title Certificate (which will be returned!) to this form and place in the folder in the Clubhouse.

Or

Scan and email to Diane MacIntyre [dandr11@aapt.net.au](mailto:dandr11@aapt.net.au)





These photos are *not* cute. They're dangerous.

🐾 Dogs are living creatures, and each has its limits. Just because he usually tolerates it fine, doesn't mean he won't get fed up and rightfully defend himself some day.

🐾 Dogs should not have to tolerate uncomfortable treatment. children should be taught to respect other creatures and learn that they have feelings too. Expecting a dog to "deal with it" because he is the family dog is not fair, and not realistic. Animals have emotions, and will react accordingly.

🐾 **Prevent Bites!** 🐾

- Learn dog body language
- Teach children to respect animals
- Supervise children and dogs 100%
- Prevent and manage properly so kids and dogs are never alone together for any period of time. It only takes a second for something to happen.

## HOW MUCH SLEEP DO DOGS NEED?

[www.whole-dog-journal.com/behavior/how-much-sleep-do-dogs-need/](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/behavior/how-much-sleep-do-dogs-need/)

Sleep. We all need it, humans and animals alike. Humans need between 6-8 hours per night. But have you ever thought about dogs? How much sleep DOES a dog need? Do they have the same type of sleep as a human or is it different? Believe it or not, sleep remains a neurological mystery. No one knows exactly why mammals sleep. What we do know is that sleep is consistent across the mammalian and avian species. Though there are approximately 5,400 mammal species on earth, the patterns of sleep, including rapid eye movement (REM) and slow-phase, are markedly similar amongst them. So too are the patterns noted on an EEG (electroencephalogram)—a machine that records brainwaves.

Sleep needs change throughout life. This is true for our canine friends, as well. Puppies sleep more than adult dogs. Elderly dogs will also tend to sleep more. Why do these changes occur? Puppies are growing rapidly. Growth requires intense bursts of energy, after which the body needs to recover. It is normal for puppies to sleep up to 20 hours a day. On the converse, elderly dogs sleep more because of a slowing metabolic rate. This is a normal part of age. However, it is important to note that “slowing down” with old age can also be a sign of underlying conditions like arthritis or cancer.

This is why it's a good idea to have annual examinations (or even every 6 months) with your veterinarian to ensure that your dog doesn't have any physical problems. Early management of arthritis and other conditions can dramatically improve quality of life for senior dogs.

Activity can also affect sleep time for dogs. Working dogs sleep less than inactive dogs. Inactive dogs also may have unusual sleep/wake cycles. This might be because many dogs are home alone during the daytime, and thus, they sleep. When owners come home, the dog becomes active. This daytime inactivity can lead to wakefulness at night, when the rest of the house is asleep. It's a good idea to leave interesting toys for your dogs when you are gone for the day. Daily exercise for at least 15-30 minutes also promotes healthy sleep patterns...in everyone!



Breed and size can affect sleep too, but the reasons are less clear. Large and giant breed dogs in general seem to sleep more than their smaller counterparts (think Chihuahua versus Mastiff). This might be due to higher energy demands for bigger muscles and internal organs. Much about sleep remains shrouded in mystery, but one thing is clear: we all need it!

### Does my dog need a bedtime?

We all know that as humans, if we don't get enough sleep, our cognition suffers. Here's the beauty about being a dog—you can sleep anywhere, anytime! Like all animals, dogs do require a certain amount of sleep, but since they aren't reading, writing, driving, or otherwise operating heavy machinery, you don't need to worry about setting a bedtime for your canine companion. He will do that for himself. Maybe us humans should take a page from our dog's playbook and rest when our body demands it!

### My dog sleeps all day. Is this normal?

The truth is, sleep varies dramatically between individual canines, just as in humans. There may be correlations between breed and size, but in the end, each dog is unique. Dr William Thomas, a veterinary neurologist at the University of Tennessee, estimates that dogs sleep anywhere from 48-58% of the time. If your dog is active and alert when awake, has a good appetite, and seems otherwise normal, then perhaps your dog just needs the extra Zzzzzs. On the other hand, if your pup is exhibiting lethargy, decreased appetite, or any other unusual signs, it is time for a check-up.

[Here are some recent survey results](#) on over 10,000 dogs' sleeping habits.



## FIRST LETTER OF THIER NAME

- A) EMPEROR
- B) MASTER
- C) PROFESSOR
- D) SIR
- E) LADY
- F) MISS
- G) PRESIDENT
- H) MISTER
- I) COLONEL
- J) HIS MAJESTY
- K) KING
- L) QUEEN
- M) CAPTIAN
- N) CHIEF
- O) CORPORAL
- P) PHAROAH
- Q) SERGEANT
- R) DOCTOR
- S) UNCLE
- T) SAINT
- U) AUNT
- V) MADAM
- W) PRINCE
- X) ASSISTANT
- Y) OFFICER
- Z) DIRECTOR

## WHAT'S YOUR DOG'S TRUE NAME ??



## LAST LETTER OF THIER NAME

- A) BISCUIT
- B) FLUFFERS
- C) WIGGLESWORTH
- D) BACON
- E) GOOFBALL
- F) BEGGER
- G) PUPPINS
- H) SNICKERDOODLE
- I) BUTTERS
- J) PANCAKES
- K) NAPPINGTON
- L) WAGGLESWORTH
- M) SNIFFER
- N) SLOBBERS
- O) MCPORCHOP
- P) YAPS\_A\_LOT
- Q) PUDDLES
- R) FLOOFER
- S) CHEESEBURGER
- T) WAGGINGTON
- U) DOZER
- V) SHAKESPAW
- W) POOPER
- X) BARKINGTON
- Y) FARTS\_A\_LOT
- Z) WAFFLES

## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

### ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

Click here to start <https://www.k9entries.com/using.php>

### COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is an expectation that competitors will assist with ring setups, changes and stewarding when requested

Open Agility offered on all trials

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
<b>APRIL DOUBLE TRIAL</b>			
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Gamblers All levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	after Gamblers	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
<b>MAY DOUBLE TRIAL – NOTE THIS WILL BE HELD AT CUTHERINGA PARK, WEST END</b>			
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UD CDX, CD, CCD	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	TBA
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Annette Gniel
<b>JULY DOUBLE TRIAL – NOTE THIS WILL BE HELD AT CUTHERINGA PARK, WEST END</b>			
19/7/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
19/7/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD and CCD	Roel Wittkamp
19/7/2019	After UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	after agility	Snooker all levels	Roel Wittkamp



### AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 1

2/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers	Tim Fairchild
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
3/8/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild

### AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 2

30/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Charles Giles
30/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Lisa Sinclair
30/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Charles Giles
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Agility all levels	Terrence Griffin
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after jumpers	Snooker all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic pairs	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Terrence Griffin

### SEPTEMBER DOUBLE OBEDIENCE and RALLY O TRIAL

27/9/2019	7:00 pm	CDX CD and CCD	Lisa Sinclair
		UDX and UD	TBA
27/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	UD CDX CD and CCD	Trisha Williams
28/9/2019	7:00pm	UDX	TBA
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter

#### Why Title A Dog?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

-Sandra Mowery

# ALL FINISHED ..... SEE YOU IN 2020 !

## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

**COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)**

**Entries close 14 days prior to the trial**

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

Mobile 0417614261 | Email [jcussons2@bigpond.com](mailto:jcussons2@bigpond.com)

### NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

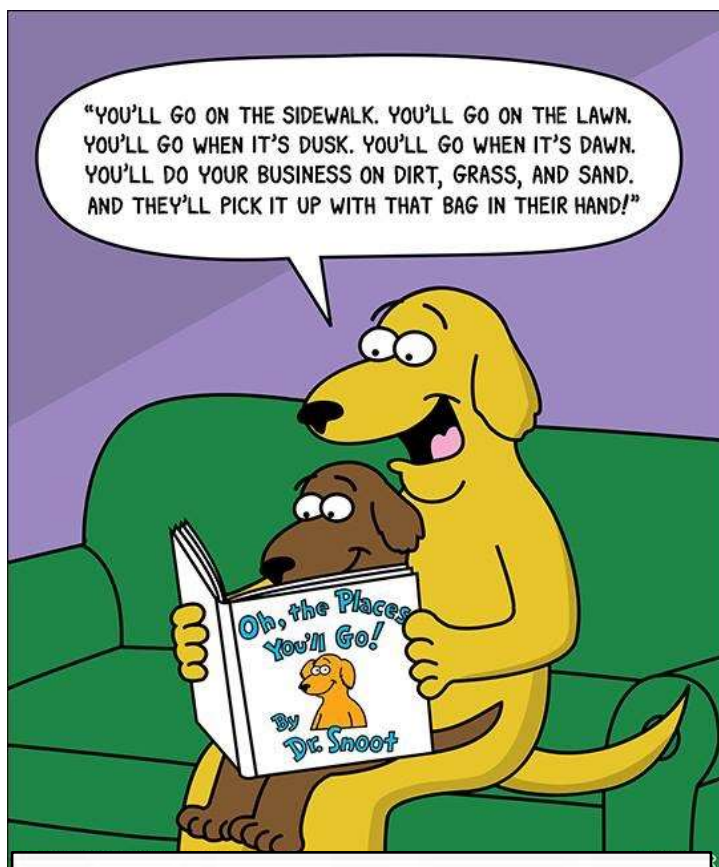
- 🐾 Fields restricted to 8 per trial
- 🐾 Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries
- 🐾 Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day
- 🐾 Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

**All trials – vetting 5.30 am, start 6:00 am**

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Sat March 23	Track and Search	Rosemary Sehl and Roel Wittkamp	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun March 24	Track and Search	Rosemary Sehl and Roel Wittkamp	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sat April 13	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp and Heidi Christoffel	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun April 14	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt and Roel Wittkamp	Alice River
Sat May 11	Track and Search	Heidi Christoffel and Coral Pethers	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun May 12	Tracking	Janette Cussons and Coral Pethers	Alice River
Sat June 15	Track and Search	Heidi Christoffel & Debbie Lamprecht	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun June 16	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn & Debbie Lamprecht	Alice River
Sat July 13	Track and Search	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun July 14	Tracking	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Alice River



## BACK PAGE FUNNIES



Something to take the edge off.



Your dogs version of happy hour.



Never leave home without  
a hug, a kiss and I love you



then remove the dog or cat hair  
from your mouth  
as you close the door

TrustedHousesitters

**the fastest land  
mammal is a dog  
who's been asked  
what's in his mouth**



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !



# THE END