



# SCRATCH 'N' SNIFF

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT 'S CORNER— JULY, 2018**

I cannot pass up the opportunity to comment on the recent trial held in June. It is hard to come up with enough superlatives to describe this year's event. I will only mention a few names as Natalie will undoubtedly mention people in her trial report.

We have run many great trials at this time of year, but this one was fantastic in so many areas.

A team showed up early (it was not "bright" yet) to help set up the rings and equipment needed for the day. It was a busy time, but people set to work and completed the tasks quickly.

John was kept busy at the Bar B Q, turning out egg and bacon sandwiches in the morning which went down very well as the fog was lifting off of the velodrome. He then turned his efforts to flipping burgers and rolling snags for hungry competitors and helpers. There were always volunteers on hand to dispense the food and drinks. They seemed to be enjoying the time they gave because there was always a smile on their faces when I walked by. I am positive they were smiles and not grimaces. People were ready to check in competitors and help judges lay out courses so all was ready to start the day's events. Stewards were set to go and trialling started on time.

Meanwhile, the team in the kitchen was hard at work preparing the feast for lunch. The judges always compliment our club on the lunches they receive and this year was no different.

By the time the competitions were coming to an end the people in the office were getting close to having the pass cards ready to be handed out. They were very quick and efficient in completing that job so competitors could head off to their dinners and places to stay. While this was being completed, volunteers from the club set about gathering up and putting away the equipment used during the day.

Finally, when the pass cards and awards had been handed out and the dust had settled, a bunch of tired but happy members of the club could finally relax. Though they were weary, there was a great feeling of accomplishment in the air. That spirit of belonging to a great club and being part of a fun loving "family" was ever present.

As this was a Rally and Obedience trial, I will mention two people. The new Rally competitors in the club will surely be grateful to Emily for her Novice classes. She helped polish some of the new teams to enable them to gain passes. The other instructor that is owed a great thank you is Julie. Her great classes in Obedience trialling procedures and her innovative idea of a practice run through with those actually competing over the weekend was inspirational to all those involved.

I have saved the best for last - - A great deal of effort was put in by our Trial Secretary, Natalie. Those few who have run a trial (or lived with someone who has) will attest to the amount of work that goes into getting everything to come together on the day. A simple "thank you for a job well done" does not seem to be enough for the work involved. I hope Natalie realizes how much that sentiment is truly meant and that everybody agrees with me on that.

On behalf of the club, I extend many deep felt thanks to all those who gave of their time to make this trial one of the best we have ever run – and that is saying a lot when compared to the many great June trials that have gone before it.

Frank Vanatta



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY 14TH  
OCTOBER 2018**

- Agility & Jumping Trial

**SUNDAY 9TH  
SEPTEMBER 2018**

- KONG Funday

## NO CLASSES

Sunday 30th September  
\*AFL Grand Final

Sunday 14th October  
\*Agility & Jumping Trial

## JUNE TRIAL 2018

On Sunday 10th June 2018 the club held its annual Queens Birthday Long Weekend Double Open Obedience & Rally Obedience Trial. We had 83 dogs compete in the 22 classes offered, with a total of 206 entries for the day.

A full 3 day weekend of trialling was offered by the Riviera Clubs, Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, EGDOD on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & Morwell Obedience Dog Club on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

We had lots of club members turn up at 6:30am in the dark & cold on Sunday to help set up everything. We had sooo many people turn up it was fantastic & greatly appreciated. All the rings & equipment were set up & everything was ready to go well ahead for the 8:30am start time.

A massive thank you to all club members & committee members who helped in one way or another in making the trial run smoothly. As trial secretary it was fantastic to have lots of workers & helpers so I could concentrate on office work on the day & any issues that did arise.

We had 24 club members compete at the trial some for the first time & some old hands, one of the biggest entries I have seen from our club. Everyone represented the club in a lovely manner showing great sportsmanship.

We sold out all 22 class sponsorships in record time as well. Thank you to our sponsors, each class sponsored had a beautiful A3 poster on display on the day with smaller sponsorship pictures in the club's newsletter & in the catalogue on the day.

Thanks to John Kenihan who once again was our BBQ master for the whole day, cooking breakfast for us all & lunch as well. To the helpers who either baked, donated or volunteered on the day, big thanks as well.



To Mavis Weymouth who organised the judges' & stewards' catering on the day a big thanks too. Thank you to Marj & Phil Miller (past members) for coming in to help the club out.

Thanks to those who helped with the vetting & check in process & all the stewards who did a wonderful job all day.

To those who helped with set up, during the day & pack up, you make the job a lot easier. As the saying goes 'many hands makes light work'! Also if you donated time or food to the trial it makes it easier on the club so thanks.

Thanks to Geddes Meats & Bakers Delight for once again helping & supporting the club with donations of food. Comments about the gourmet burgers was received by competitors.



Our raffle was well received 1<sup>st</sup> prize from Best Friends Holiday Retreat in the Tarra Valley was won by Melissa Towns who purchased her ticket from CJ Office Choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Trampoline dog bed, Kong Toy, Dumbbell, Blackdog Wear products, EGDOC Inc Merch VALUE \$150 was won by a competitor Robyn Masterson & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Dog Bed, Dog Backpack, Blackdog Wear bag, Dumbbell, EGDOC Inc Merch VALUE \$100 was won by Tubby & Tilley Manze who purchased their ticket from Vickie Green. I must thank the following local business' who helped support the club by selling raffle tickets: Longford Vet, H & S Firearms, CJ Office Choice, Geddes Meats, Doggy Stuff & The Vets.



Once again Longford Vet supplied the prize for highest in trials score which was once by Graeme May & his Rottweiler in Companion Dog Excellent with a score of 196 in the AM Obedience Trial.

As a first-time trial secretary for the obedience trial I thoroughly enjoyed myself & found it to be one of the easiest trials I have run for the club. I loved the commitment, enjoyment, fun & passion of members of EGDOC. I have never been prouder of our little country club show case what we do & how we work as an awesome team to support each other. Even leading up to the trial with support was great. The people that got involved in the working bee a few weeks before the trial was refreshing.



I couldn't have run this trial without the help & guidance

from Julie Lovell & Janice Vanatta. These ladies were there for me at every point & whenever needed. I am sure I asked the same questions time & time again, but they always supported me. I am so appreciative of the wealth of information that these ladies have & feel lucky to of been taken under their wings to be shown how to complete a successful trial.

THANK YOU to my husband & son for once again putting up with my many late nights leading up to the trial & my forgetfulness of anything not trial related.



It has been a long process starting in November 2017 with contracting Judges but it was nice to see all our efforts come together to create such a successful event for the club. The club members enthusiasm & pride were felt on our trial day by everyone, I especially loved the huge amount of red that was to be seen.

Natalie Brown - June Double Open Obedience & Rally Trial Secretary 2018

## REMINDERS for 2018 & some House keeping

\* Wear your name tag    \* Sign the attendance book    \* Pick up after your dog

\* Give space to dogs wearing yellow bandanas

\*\*\*\*\* **Help out in any way you can by:** helping fill water buckets & placing around the club, hang name tag board up, place sign in book on trolley out near name tag board, unlock the toilets & check fridges have stock of drinks.

- Tea and Coffee is free for members; all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself. So please feel free to stay after classes and "have a cuppa".

- Soft drinks in the fridge are \$1 ea. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO . . .**

**Spread the word about our Club!**

**We welcome new members on the first Sunday of each month.**

### **NOTE TO MEMBERS:**

If you are wanting to join Agility, Rally Obedience or Trialling Classes you need to speak to the relevant instructor about the requirements to attend these classes.

### **DID YOU KNOW....**

That the green dog poo bin near the gate as you enter the velodrome was placed there by council.

**WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW** is that it is the club's responsibility to arrange for the bin to be emptied. This not so rosey smelling task is carried out by members of the club.

Also, the black plastic poo bags that are available from the bin are mainly paid for and provided by the club for public use, with the Council providing rolls as they can. So if you can please bring you own bags along it could help so save the club some money.

The club is lucky enough to have our wheelie bin that the poo bin gets emptied into collected and emptied for free by Handy Bins



### **YELLOW BANDANAS AT CLUB**

If you see any dogs at club wearing a yellow bandana please *GIVE THIS DOG SPACE*.

The dog may be scared or nervous around other dogs and just requires some space so please respect this.

ALSO before approaching other dogs at club with your dog please *ask the owner* if it is ok to approach.

**IF a dog is tied up to a fence without the owner near please keep clear of the dog.**

ALWAYS watch what your dog is doing at club, although club is a great place to stop and chat keep an eye on your dog at all times **(this cannot be expressed enough)**





# CONGRATULATIONS

## BAILEY & PAULA LAIDLAW



THE FUN OF NOVICE RALLY TRIALLING - As a first time trialler, Paula had no idea of what to expect. Nerves set in a few days before, then settled. All in all it was a lot of fun! Paula is very proud of her boy Bailey! A very successful weekend for these first time triallers.

On Saturday 9th at Bairnsdale. Day 1: they got a Rally Novice pass in the AM 99/100 and also in the PM 90/100. On Sunday 10th at Sale. Day 2: they got more passes in Rally Novice AM 93/100 and PM 96/100. At our trial they also gained their Rally Novice Title. On Monday 11th at Morwell. Day 3: They made sure they cemented their efforts of their Rally Novice title with more passes AM 86/100 and PM 91/100. A fantastic and very tiring effort by Team Laidlaw. They also got "Highest scoring Rally Obedience by EGDOC member" at the Bairnsdale trial, in Rally trial A at Sale and Rally AM trial at Morwell.

Congratulations from everyone at EGDOC,  
well done TEAM LAIDLAW.



## MYSTY & FAYE JONDAHL



MYSTYMOO and Faye were also in the EGDOC Contingent who competed at the Bairnsdale, Sale and Morwell Trials. They did an awesome job at gaining their first pass in Community Companion Dog with a score of 85/100 at Bairnsdale with a 6th place. They also scored a pretty ribbon for "Highest Score in CCD" by a EGDOC Inc member at the Bairnsdale trial.

Brilliant work TEAM JONDAHL

# CONGRATULATIONS



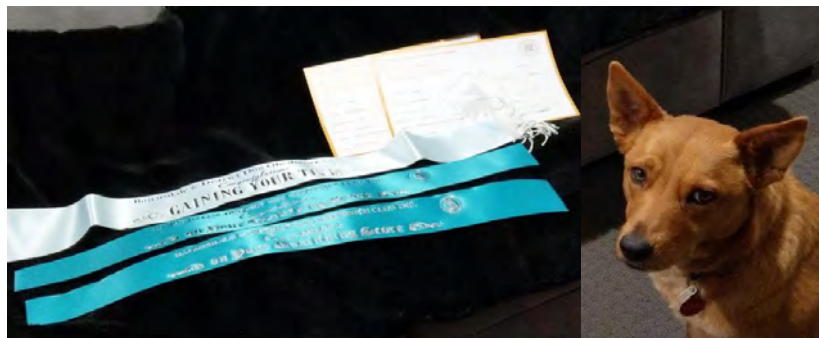
## ELSA & MEAGAN BROWN

On Sunday 10th June at our trial Elsa & Meagan received her first pass in their first attempt at Community Companion Dog with a score of 85/100.

This photo shows the love between this dynamic duo. Normally Elsa is always smiling in photos but Meagan likes to think she is so serious because passing CCD is serious business!!!!!!

Fantastic efforts TEAM BROWN

## MAHLIA & CALLUM DEAN



On Saturday 9th of June Mahlia dragged Callum out of bed at a ridiculous hour so that they could get to Bairnsdale's Queens Birthday Trial to get their Rally Novice title. They secured their new and first title with the last two Rally Novice passes needed being a 83/100 & an 85/100. Congratulations of gaining you very first title TEAM DEAN!!!!



## DAISY & WILLY LUCAS

Competing in their very first trial weekend together Daisy and Willy received "Highest score in CCD by EGDGC member" in the PM Trial at Sale.

Brilliant efforts TEAM LUCAS



# CONGRATULATIONS

## HANSEL, GRETEL, SCARLETT & MARIBETH MURHY



\* Hansel got his second double pass toward his Rally Advance Excellent title, passing Rally Advance B and Rally Excellent B at Bairnsdale.

\* Gretel got two Rally Masters passes - one at Bairnsdale and one at Gippsland (Morwell).

And on Saturday 16th June she passed her Tracking Test 7 at Bendigo .

\* Scarlett got her Rally Novice Title with three passes in three trials-Bairnsdale and Sale

Maribeth is Very Very Proud of her kids!!!

Good work TEAM MURPHY

## SHADOW & SHARYN THOMPSON



On Saturday 9th at the Bairnsdale Trial Shadow (Bozeeb Valiant Knight) and Sharyn received 94/100 points in Community Companion Dog which gave them their title and a 2nd place in the ring.

Well done to TEAM THOMPSON

# CONGRATULATIONS

## HEIDI & NOEL ATHERSTONE



Heidi and Noel only competed at the Sale trial on the Sunday both morning and afternoon. In the morning they got a pass with a score of 87/100 and the "Highest score in CCD by EGDOC member" in the AM Trial at Sale.

It was the pairs third go at CCD, they competed at Bairnsdale and Sale last year . ( Previously a drop at the wrong time cost her passes , the story of all CCD triallers it's not easy). But they got through this time!!!

Top effort TEAM ATHERSTONE

## SNICKERS & FRANK VANATTA



The Vanatta household had 3 very tired pups and 2 tired owners come Monday night after a long weekend of trials .....

Snickers says "I am trying to sleep"

Snickers and Frank had another very successful weekend of trialling receiving 4 passes in Rally Masters. One pass being at Bairnsdale on the Saturday with a score of 88/100. Two passes at our trial on the Sunday with scores of 92/100 and 96/100. Then on Monday at Morwell another pass with a score of 94/100. They also got the sash for "Highest scoring Rally Obedience by EGDOC member" in Rally Trial B at Sale and in the Rally PM trial at Morwell.

Awesome work TEAM VANATTA



# CONGRATULATIONS

## DECOY & JANICE VANATTA



After the very busy and rewarding weekend Decoy says  
“wake me for dinner”

Decoy and Janice had a very full dance card for the June weekend trials competing in Rally Obedience and Agility.

On Saturday at Bairnsdale they received 2 passes in Rally Excellent with scores of 94/100 and 92/100. Then they added to their Rally passes again at our trial on the Sunday with a score of 91/100. Then to top off the weekend Decoy and Janice worked brilliantly in their Jumping Excellent class and got 1st place.

Excellent determination TEAM VANATTA

## DARCY & ANA BUTCHER

Darcy and Ana did two trials at Bairnsdale and two trials at EGDOC. They entered Rally Masters in all four trials, and got four passes. They received their Rally Masters Title back in November, so these passes go towards Rally Champion, of which 10 passes are required with scores of 90 or more out of 100. (They got 90, 92, 93, and 95/100). As Darcy is now double-digits in age, he's learnt to just taking each trial as it comes and focusing on having fun.

They received a 2nd place ribbon for the 95/100 at EGDOC.

They were sitting on a score of 100 in one trial, but unfortunately during a 'down stay walk around' Darcy got sniffing something really good right in front of him, and without Ana knowing Darcy's bottom raised up just a little bit like it had a mind of its own, (and as Ana thought that he was still technically in a down, didn't do a retry), so they lost a full 10 points which took them down to 90.



Great work once again TEAM BUTCHER

# CONGRATULATIONS



## LUKEY & FIONA GILBERT

Despite the distractions of baby puppies at home Lukey and Fiona got their final Rally Novice pass at Morwell on the Monday of the June Trial weekend . This gave them their Rally Novice Title.

Marvellous achievement TEAM GILBERT

## NESSIE & STEVE REASON

NessieSheltieReason RN ET (aka Nessie) finally gained her first pass with a score of 90/100 in CCD on the Monday at Morwell, including second place and the highest scoring EGDOC member in CCD.

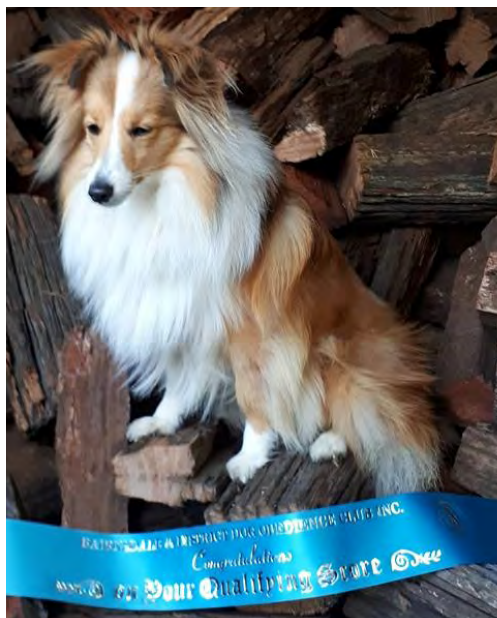
Hooray TEAM REASON



## WINTER & CATHERINE REASON

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend - Kimbush Milday De Winter (aka Winter) gained her first pass in Rally Novice on the Saturday at Bairnsdale

Good job TEAM REASON





# CONGRATULATIONS

## ELSA & MEAGAN BROWN



On Saturday 23rd July Elsa and Meagan went for a small jog of 20kms around Lake Guthridge in Sale for the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria's Endurance Test.

Elsa and Meagan achieved their Endurance Test Title with ease.

2 Endurance Test Titles in 2 years, what a fantastic accomplishment

Another great result TEAM BROWN



## MYRTLE & STEVE REASON

MyrtleSheltieReason RN (aka Myrtle) gained her Endurance Test title as well with the German Shepherd Club of Victoria with the test being held Saturday 23rd July.

Bravo TEAM REASON

As we are half way through the year already, this is a good time to remind members about the requirements for being awarded medallions for gaining a title or qualifying to be on one of the perpetual plaques. For our end of year presentations.

You must send the following information to Frank Vanatta:

- date of the pass,
- your name,
- your dog's name,
- the discipline entered (Rally, Obedience, etc.), and
- the score gained.

\*\*\*You must have also attended class on a Sunday 10 times during the year.

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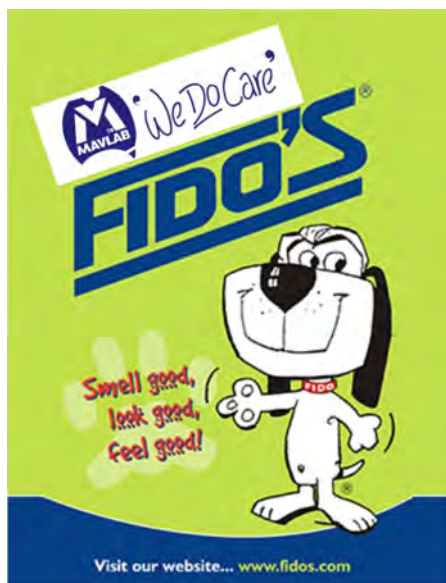
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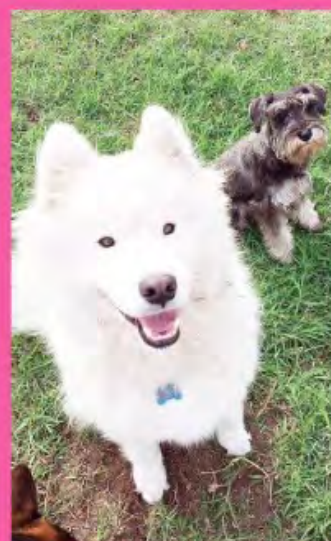
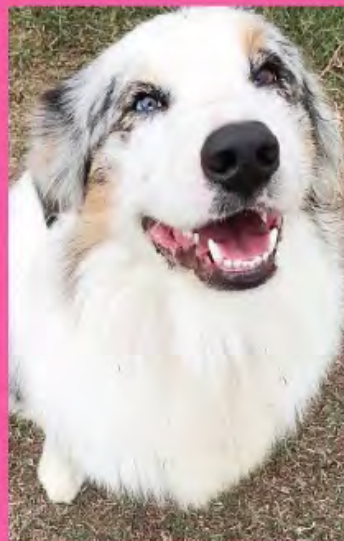
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8:45 – 9:00am	SETTING UP OF CLUBROOMS & EQUIPMENT				
9:00 – 9:15am	CLUB NEWS & UPDATES TALK – 15 Minutes				
9:15 – 10:00am (45 minutes)	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 1 _____ By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 2 _____ By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 _____ On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 _____ On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE TRIALLERS _____ On Velodrome
10:00 – 10:15am	BREAK – 15 Minutes				
10:15 – 11:00am (45 minutes)	LIFE CLASS _____ By Clubrooms	RALLY NOVICE _____ On Velodrome	AGILITY & JUMPING _____ On Velodrome		
11:00am	PACKING UP EQUIPMENT				

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