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## **SCRATCH 'N' SNIFF**

East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc.

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#### **EDITORS WELCOME**



Here's a big welcome to the new Newsletter Editor, Paula Laidlaw. Hopefully I can fulfil the needs of our well-loved club.

My hope for the future of this club newsletter, is to uphold our club integrity, and to also provide helpful information for members. Plus, lots of encouragement, to those who are just starting out with us, and those who have been with us for numerous years. A place where we can share information, in all aspects of our 4-legged friends.

Any input from all members alike, is welcome to be added into the newsletter. Whether it be, achievements, jokes corner, any activities and upcoming events.

Some of the things I would like to also include in the newsletter, would be a member's profile. This would include an interview with members, on where they have come from. Where they plan to be, what helped them decide to join our club. Their plans and goals, whether it be a well-trained pet, or going on to trialling.

So, in saying all this, this club is our club. And we can all help and learn from each other. Looking forward to an exciting time!

Please send any input for the newsletter to the e-mail address below.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **JULIE LOVELL AND CASHMAN!**

(TEAM LOVELL)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Cash competed in Test 6 at Ballarat Dog Obedience Clubs open tracking trial.

Test 6 comprises of the dog tracking an unknown person for approximately 1,200 metres, up to 180 minutes after the track layer has laid the track. The track has a minimum of 5 changes of direction with at least one of the turns being an 'acute – between 45 & 90 degrees'. Three scented articles are placed on the track by the track layer at various locations. The dog must then find and indicate at least 2 of the articles and the track layer to pass. In addition the track will be crossed twice by other unknown persons.

Cash passed his test with flying colours with a grading of good, and gained his Tracking Dog Excellent Title, adding to his collection of titles.

Cash has passed all 6 of his tracking tests so far, with gradings ranging from good to excellent. The tracking season has now ended for 2018, and looking forward to starting their Tracking Champion campaign early next season tackling Tests 7 & 8.

His official name is now (pending Dogs Victoria Approval):

Cashman CCD RN TDX



#### **LIFE MEMBERS:**

1984 Val Karpys - 1987 Mike White - 1987 Karen White

1989 Janice Vanatta - 1989 Mavis Weymouth - 1990 Rob Williams

1990 Carol Williams - 1994 Rex White - 1994 Jo Morgan

1998 Joan Kingshot - 2000 Alicia Larsen - 2011 Lynne Rapson

2011 Kathy Vernon - 2011 Peter McMaster - 2001 Willy Lucas

2000 Fiona Gilbert - 2011 Beryl Walden - 2012 Sue Bryant

2012 Natalie Brown (Evans) - 2012 Frank Vanatta - 2018 Pam Darby

2018 Vickie Green



#### **ON OFFER**

Here at East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc, we have a range of activities on offer.

Obedience – we cover obedience, from basic, (to those who just want a well-trained pet). To extensive, (those who are interested in trialling, or in other words competitions. If you're interested in competing, please talk to your instructor.

Rally – is a form of obedience, with different rules and regulations. Same as above, if interested in Rally, please see your instructor.

Agility – is a fast-paced sport that requires a different form of training. Any interest, please see instructor.

All these forms of dog sport are a lot of fun, and very rewarding in every way. To see our dogs having fun, to see how they progress from week to week.

To all those competing, already we wish you all the best of luck!

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### MARIBETH SCHANELY MURPHY AND GRETEL (TEAM MURPHY)

On the 15th September 2018, Maribeth together with Gretel, passed their Track and Search test with a Good rating. They were then given a track on test 3, with a Very Good rating.

In addition to this, Gretel, now has received her fourth Rally-O Masters pass with a score of 93/100 resulting in a third place.

#### MARIBETH SCHANELY MURPHY AND SCARLETT

Also, Scarlett was amazing in her first CCD trial, with a score of 93/100, and receiving a first place.



#### **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 and bottles of water 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!

### 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).



#### **REMINDER**

There are no classes held on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

We have our Agility and Jumping Trial on this date.

This trial, is a wonderful opportunity, to see what goes on in a trial setting. Whether you are just starting out with our club, or been here for a while.

Those who have just started with us, and interested in agilty. This is a great oportunity to see these wonderful dogs and handlers in action. Even though there is a whole lot of training, well rewarding.

If anyone has the time to come down and have a look, hopefully you will be able to help out in some way too.

There is a lot of organising that goes into getting these trials in place.

All welcome.







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