

OCTOBER 2003 NEWSLETTER



"Meila & Toby"

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Cover photo – This photo was taken in Feb/March this year. Toby and Meila belong to Belinda Bowie. Big Brother is Toby - Smooth Fox Terrier 9 years old - came into my life as a rejected problem dog at 9 months old. He has never been anything but the perfect gentlemen, butter wouldn't melt! He has been in my life longer than anyone else except immediate family, he has been the rock of my life at times and my best mate. Loves living in Pukerua Bay and swimming in the sea. He is a fearless swimmer and has had many close calls with rapids and large waves but nothing seems to faze him. He can swim the length of the beach and back and if left down there to his own devices wouldn't get out of the water at all. Lucky boy was too large for the breed standard and was left with his full tail. (this is my assumption anyway) The perfect rudder!

Little Meila nick name Smeagol.(Lord of the Rings, was Gollum's name when he was a hobbit) Wire Fox Terrier 9 months old. Ratbag, too smart for her own good. Up and coming obedience champ - watch this space! Belinda and Meila are currently enrolled (and doing very well) in the Senior Competition class.



Committee Stuff

Ways of increasing instructors and membership

If any members have any ideas on how we can do this please approach one of the committee members.

Life Members Board

Quotes are currently being obtained to complete this task.

<u>Class Structure including competition class and a K9 Good Behaviour Award</u> See section later in this newsletter. There is also a proposed scheme available in the clubrooms.

Working Bee - Club maintenance

The working bee was held on 14 September. Thanks to Lianne, Wayne and myself (Jenny) for coming along and giving up their time to help paint the inside of the clubrooms. Considering the poor turnout we managed to get a huge amount done. Unfortunately the job was not able to be finished and we will need another working bee to complete the job. Another working bee has been organised for this Saturday – 4 October at 10 am.

Results Board

Please remember to keep putting your results in. This is a summary of how the points stand at the moment. These are only taken from the placings that have been entered in the results book. If you have had placings and they are not in the book and you want them included please put them in.

Alison	Alfie	8
Angela D	Chilli	1
Angelique A	Caden	12
Cheryl D	Shadow	35
Claudia N	Montana	11
Geoff C	Frenzy	20
Jenny G	Combo	20
Jenny R	Bounce	14
Liz H	Spice	9
Lynne B	Taiza	27
Merrin	Steffi	9
Robin F	Kerry	5

Please note this is not an accurate indication of the exact points. They will be added up prior to the AGM from the points that are entered in the results book.

Porirua City Dog Control Bylaws

Did you know!!!!

2.0 CONTROLS ON DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

The following areas where dogs are allowed to be exercised, or are prohibited are subject to the bylaws and offences and infringement provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.

2.1 DOG CONTROL AND DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Pursuant to s10(c) of the Dog Control Act, and subject to all other bylaws, and provisions of the Dog Control Act, dogs are allowed to be exercised in the following public places and other areas of the City while on a leash. Exercise off a leash is allowed in the areas specified.

DOG CONTROL AREAS (Areas where Dogs must be exercised ON a leash)

Roads (excluding carriageways)	All legal roads (excluding carriageways) not in a prohibited area	
Porirua City Council Reserves	 All reserves: Except prohibited areas of reserves; Subject to any specific restrictions sign posted on any reserve; and Except those reserves identified as dog exercise areas. 	

DOG EXERCISE AREAS (Exercise Areas available for exercise of Dogs OFF a leash)

Areas	Locations		
Titahi Bay	Stuart Part		
	Onepoto Park (plantation area)		
Takapunwahia/Elsdon/City	Wineera Drive Foreshore Reserve (between Titahi Bay		
	Road and Semple Street)		
	Tangare Drive Reserve (between Tangare Drive and Titahi		
	Bay Main Road)		
Eastern Porirua	Bothamley Park		
	Cannons Creek Pool Reserve (area north of Cannon		
	Creeks Pool)		
Ascot Park	Ascot Park (plantation area)		
Whitby	Spinnaker Walkway Reserve		
	The Quarterdeck Lookout Reserve		
Papakowhai	Papakowhai Eastern Road Reserve (area north of Tweed		
	Road)		
Paremata	Ivey Bay Reserve		
Mana/Plimmerton	Camborne Walkway		
	Ngatitoa Domain (foreshore area)		
Pauatahanui	Motukaraka Point Reserve except when being used for any		
	organised public event		
Pukerrua Bay	Greenmeadows Park		
	Muri Road Reserve		
Beaches	All beaches except that dogs are prohibited between the		
	signs during the period 9 am -7 pm, November 1 to 31		
	March on:		
	Titahi Bay Beach, Plimmerton Beach, Karehana Bay		
	Beach, Browns Bay Beach, Paremata Beach & Pukerrua		
	Bay Beach		

2.2 **PROHIBITED AREAS**

The areas in which dogs are totally prohibited by bylaws are as follows:

2.2.1 FOOD PREMISES

All premises on or from which food is retailed including the area contained within the kerbline outside the shop frontage for the whole width of the shop except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly past such premises.

2.2.2 OTHER SHOPS AND COMMERICAL PREMISES AND AREAS

All areas as listed below in the district including footpaths, carparks, service lanes and roadways immediately outside adjacent to or at the rear of, giving access to any retail shop, bank, post office, restaurant, tavern, hotel, or other business premises in those areas except that dogs may be taken to and from any veterinary clinic located in those areas.

- (a) Porirua City Centre (inclusive of the North City Plaza)
- (b) Cannons Creek Shopping Centre and Mall (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)
- (c) Waitangirua Shopping Mall (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)

- (d) Mana Shopping Centre (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)
- (e) Whitby Shopping Centre (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)
- (f) Plimmerton Shopping Centre (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)
- (g) Titahi Bay Shopping Centre (except that dogs may be walked on a leash directly through the area)

2.2.3 BEACHES

No person shall, between the hours of 9am and 7pm on any day during the period commencing on the 1st November in any year and ending on the 31st March in the following year, bring or allow any dog to enter or remain on any part of the foreshore at the following areas.

- (a) Titahi Bay between designated sign posts at the northern & southern ends of beach
- (b) Plimmerton between designated sign posts at the northern & southern ends of beach
- (c) Karehana Bay between designated sign posts at the northern & southern ends of beach
- $(d) \qquad Browns Bay \ between \ designated \ sign \ posts \ at \ the \ northern \ \& \ southern \ ends \ of \ beach$
- (e) Paremata between designated sign posts at the northern & southern ends of beach
- (f) Pukerrua Bay between designated sign posts at the northern & southern ends of beach

2.2.4 RECREATION RESERVES

- (a) All hard court recreation areas including tennis courts and netball courts
- (b) All childrens' play areas
- (c) All marked playing fields and any area within 10 metres of a marked playing field
- (d) Any reserve when being used for any team sport, practice, or other organised public event.

Christmas Party

I do realise it is very early to be letting you all know the date for our Christmas Party but it was decided that rather than leave it until it was too late to organise we would get in early. Accordingly all members and people attending classes at Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club are invited (along with their dogs and/or family) to attend a fun day and BBQ. We will be organising games (with prizes) for you and your dogs.

Date: Sunday 23 November Venue: Club Grounds - Ngatitoa Domain

The Christmas party will be held the first Sunday following our last graduation for 2003 which is on 18 November 2003. We have not sorted out all the details (like times etc etc), so I will keep you updated and reminded in future newsletters. Please keep this date free.

Canine Good Citizen

It is proposed that Titahi Bay adopt the NZKC Canine Good Citizen scheme. Copies of the proposal are available in the clubrooms for anyone who is interested. The proposal is 11 pages long so it was not appropriate to put the entire proposal in the newsletter.

Points of note. There are four levels to this certificate – Basic, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The NZKC have endorsed part one, the Basic Canine Good Citizen Scheme from 1st August 2003. The other certificates (Bronze, Silver and Gold) are still to be approved.

We need suggestions how to introduce this scheme without disrupting the current classes. Is anyone interested in taking this little project on. You do not need to have had years of instructing experience as it is set out step by step in the paper provided by the NZKC what is required (and to what level). As soon as we have someone who is willing to co-ordinate this programme we can get started.

Please come and talk to a committee member if you are interested in getting involved in this. It looks like it could be a lot of fun.

History

I have managed to locate this article that was published in a booklet "Obedience Incorporating" which was part of the August 1988 NZKC Kennel Gazette.

The Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club - Anne Young, Public Relations Officer

"Canine Obedience Club is a school for family pets"! So read the headline in a local paper in reference to the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club.

Basically our club is just that, but over the years we have seen our family pets being joined by more and more pedigreed dogs with a good few entering into the competitive field, Titahi Bay began its life on a not so very satisfactory piece of land in Owhiti Street Reserve, but the then Committee members began their hunt for better grounds straight away.

Apparently it all started way back in June 1971, when two people, Colum O'Daly and the late Jean Milne got together. The inaugural meeting was held on the 1st September 1971 in the Tireti Road Hall and 28 people attended. Before it had an official name the club was Mana (someone must have known something) but eventually Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club was decided on, with the Incorporation coming much later. Thanks are due to other Clubs who really helped us to get off the ground, especially the Wellington Canine Obedience Club, Mr Ces Goodwin and Janet Ritchie. The very first Committee members were Messrs. O'Daly, Lamare, Lodge, Coates, Mesdames, Briggs, Milne, Ryde and Alexander.

It was noted on the 9th August 1973 that there was a possibility that the Club would have to shift from their second home, owing to the grounds being required for motorway extensions. However, on enquiring from the local council we were told we were safe for at least twelve months. On the 7th July 1974 it was noted in the Minutes that the Porirua City Council had granted permission for the club to use part of the Ngatitoa Domain. The Committee of the time must have breathed a sigh of relief, after all the runaround they had experienced. Then there was the erecting of the fence and the floodlighting , all of which was done by willing members. My personal involvement didn't occur until the early 1980's, it was then I inherited one beloved English Setter called Luggs, from the eldest son, and endeavoured to do something spectacular with her. Ha! Ha! Anyone out there who has tried this will know what I mean! Oh Well, we graduated to Novice and now, at the age of nearly nine, she is awfully good when I'm instructing the new entrants in showing then what not to do! However, I digress somewhat.

We have come a long way since those days, as we now boast our very own clubrooms which are the envy of many. The fun and games we had building it though! It was largely due to our faithful hound. Brian Punnett, and his relentless persistence that we finally were granted permission from the Council to erect our "little hut", as one cheeky person was heard to call it. Christmas holidays of 1985 were spent toting the wheelbarrow, heaving those bricks, pouring concrete, making numerous pots of tea, sandwiches and scones, etc. Although knackered we gleefully watched as our clubrooms grew rapidly, all by our own hard work. There were some very funny stories to be told over this time, like a certain person whose barrow-load of cement ran away with her and a particular husband who thought bare feet were the order of the day when concreting! Not so funny the next day. We were so lucky with the weather, it was a big help.

As a club we have gone from strength to strength. I mentioned at one of our committee meetings that ours was a "Club Extraordinaire", and got some weird glances from my fellow members, who wondered what words of wisdom I was going to utter next. I stand by that statement as we are situated in a very difficult area where the local bodies are not very impressed with dog owners as a whole and I must admit they do have very good justification in a lot of cases. We do try to liaise with the local authorities as much as possible and each new intake we have, we can see a new era of responsible dog owners emerging. Sometimes I wonder where all the dogs keep coming from at each new session. It's good to see more coming back and starting to do competition work too.

To date the Club can boast Five Champions, with more probables in the wings.

Our latest venture, thanks to Annette Austing's suggestions, is a special class for handicapped people, and I guess we will all learn something of great benefit from this. It's not all work and no play in our Club though. We have our fun days, which are hilarious for dog and handlers alike, ending with an enjoyable barbecue, and

we have started having a barbecue after each graduation too which helps everyone to unwind and meet more socially.

I can only see our Club getting stronger and stronger, mainly because we are a team, and a darned good one at that!

Editors comment: Has anyone got or know where to find a copy of that article "Canine Obedience Club is a school for family pets"? Also has anyone got any information on how the special class for handicapped people went? A closing comment regarding this article – it is amazing to think we have been having a BBQ on graduation night for over 15 years.

Also included in that booklet was a small article which I have also chosen to include in this newsletter.

The changes in Obedience Competition Over The Years

The original "Regulations for the Control of Obedience Tests" were set by the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club on the 2nd February 1957.

In the 30 odd years since then, there have been many changes to these regulations, the most noticeable being:

- Only purebred dogs, registered with the NZKC could be entered in obedience tests. Crossbreeds and unregistered pedigrees were not allowed to enter until 1964.
- Spayed bitches and castrated dogs were ineligible to compete in Test C at Championship shows.
- Dogs were not allowed to compete in a higher class than that for which they were eligible to compete.
- Special Beginners Test contained a Retrieve Exercise a dumbbell or any other article provided by the handler. The "Special" Novice Test was the same as Special Beginners.
- Test A Novice, as it was know then, did not have the scent exercise and the retriever article was the same as for Beginners and Novice.
- Test B has changed very little until recently, when the Heel on Lead was deleted and the change of pace introduced.
- Test C, or "Open", had the Heel Free exercise separate to the Advanced Stand, Sit, Down exercise, which appears to have been carried out in a circle around the ring. A Refusal of Food test was also carried out "...without warning between any two exercises, but not during an exercise".

Thanks to Beryl Hill and Margaret Murray for supplying copies of these regulations.

Editors comment "Wow – I would like to have a go at Test C 1960s style"

Member Profile – Royce Hughes

1. How did you first get started in dog obedience? (What was the dog's name and which club did you start with).

I first brought my Border Collie puppy Jasper to the Club in September 1994. He was 14 weeks old and christened "panda bear" by Elaine at puppy class. Her still jumps on her when they meet. I had waited 25 years to own a Border Collie like Jasper after seeing a documentary on Krufts in my teens and being fascinated by the Border Collies doing scent discrimination without being distracted by the huge crowds and TV lights. It is one of the amazing abilities our dogs have and it was a real thrill for me the first time Jasper did scent in competition.

2. Do you remember your first competitions? How did they go?

Our first Elementary competition was in the car park at Upper Hutt club. I really can't remember if we placed or not as I was just glad to get through it without a major disgrace.

3. Do you still get nervous before you compete?

Not really in a conscious way but sometimes I make mistakes that tell me I was a bit uptight or too tense. I have learnt that my dog is very sensitive to my moods and will get worried if I get too tense. The balance is hard to find though and is one of the challenges of competitive obedience. It is a sport for two, you and your dog both have to perform.

4. How many dogs have you trained? What other pets do you have at home?

We have four dogs and I have trained both Jasper and our very highly-strung Samoan Dog Shiloh. Unfortunately her bad start in life and nervous temperament make her too stressed for Obedience competition but she loves to work when she is safe in her own surroundings and is getting lots of praise.

It should be clearly understood that our two spaniels belong to Christine and that it was up to her to teach them not to chase ducks, swans or rabbits and to come when called.

5. What is the most memorable event that you have ever been involved with in dog obedience?

As the Zone Three Representative I was involved with organising last years Obedience Team to compete at the National Dog Training Assembly. Three of the five Zone Three Handlers and the Team Manager were from TBCOC. The Team performed magnificently and came within a point of taking the National Interzone trophy. Each handler gave it everything under immense pressure and they all avoided the mistakes that we had worked hard to eliminate during training.

I'm sure everyone there will remember the electric atmosphere and the tension as each exercise in each test was completed. If you can get to Arena Manawatu on the Sunday morning of Labour weekend, come in and see just how exciting and competitive Obedience can be.

6. Besides competing do you see any benefits in taking your dog to obedience school? Can you think of any specific situations that this has helped either you or your dogs in every day life or in a special way?

I could never have learned how to manage and enjoy my dogs they way we do without the club. We have had a network of help and support through the club since our first dogs were puppies. We have been fortunate to make friends we have travelled with, competed with and shared good and bad times with.

For us the friends we've made has been another gift from our dogs.

7. What do you dislike to see people doing when they are training their dogs?

Firstly I dislike seeing people losing their own self control when their dog does not behave as they would wish. Dogs need guidance from their handlers that rewards good behaviour so be prepared to handle inappropriate behaviour with a plan that teaches your dog what is acceptable without any need for harsh treatment.

Second. We are often too serious at training, remember that your dog wants to please you so playing and enjoying his company is a great way to encourage them to learn how to please. Come to club to enjoy the sessions you have with your dog, your instructors and other handlers.

8. Do you or have you ever been involved in any of the other dog world disciplines?

I have done Agility when Jasper was younger (and I was fitter). Hopefully I will again in the future. I would also like to have a go at Trials and Tracking when time permits.

9. What are your future plans? What direction do you hope Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club takes?

The club needs to develop a new generation of competitors and instructors to build on the incredible base the clubs founding generation has built for us. There is an immense amount of knowledge within the membership if you know who to ask.

I believe clubs such as ours are an important part of the community for dog lovers and we will continue to look for a balance between domestic level training such as Canine Good Citizen Certificates and the competitive sport side of Obedience. The friends you make walking, training and competing together stay with you and need to be the basis of a healthy club for the future.

I will get another dog in the not too distant future to train for competition.

Snoopy Report

The main show this month was, of course, the Nationals. The snoop was around and about every day of the Nationals but didn't seem to see anything. The Nationals always has a special feel to it unlike any other show during the year.

You will see the National results later in the newsletter but I thought it also important to mention a couple of achievements that didn't make it into the results page. Cheryl Dickson and Shadow did extremely well in Special Beginners, ending up only ½ a point off placings. Angelique Aamodt and Caden (bred by Sandy Fea) were in the same run off as Jenny Greer for 3rd in Test B. Unfortunately they just missed out on a placing but well done for being up there. Penny Nalder was placed 3rd in Novice agility. Amanda Lucus was placed in the breed show. Unfortunately I get lost when it comes to where but she was very excited about it so her dog must have done well. **SANASTASIA XTRA SPECIAL** (Owned by Anne Hoogeveen) won test B. This dog was also bred by Sandy Fea.

Our Championship Show – Final Reminder

Please remember to enter. If you are not ready to compete this is a great opportunity to come and have a look at an obedience show. Your instructor might even be entered. Bring your dog, children and a plate along. If you are interested in coming speak to your instructor and you may even be able to get involved on the day (being the decoy scent, a stay steward or just helping out in the kitchen for an hour or so). If you haven't entered by now you are late. Quickly get your entry to Ani ASAP.

Enteries Close: 3 October 2003					
Titahi Bay Canine					
Ol	bedience Club				
Champion	nship Obedience Test				
NZK	C Exhibition Centre				
	Prosser Street				
	Porirua				
Saturda	Saturday 18 October 2003-08-22				
Elementary	Elementary Elaine Varcoe				
Special Beg &	Test B June Rippon				
Novice	Sandra Gow				
Test A	Sid Arthur				
Test C	Rosemary Cleator				
Judging commences:	9.30 am				
Enteries to:	Test Secretary				
	TBCOC				
	P.O. Box 50 467				
	Porirua				
Entry Fees:	\$9, Elementary \$4				
Cheques payable:	Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club				

Competition

Who is this? (Clue: his name appears within the poem)

Born into different circumstances, luck brought him North; Only look into his eyes, if you can, see a depth much different than you thought; Unfortunate looks brings laughter wherever he goes; Not to mention his funny toes; Certainly a special soul, some days I wonder if he shouldn't have wings; Every day a new adventure, can't wait to see what tomorrow brings. Can you write a poem or story about your dog?

Send all entries to the editor (contact details on front page of newsletter) along with the answer to the entry question (Who is the above poem about?) before 31 October. There will be a small prize for the winning entry. The winning entry will be published in the November newsletter.

Results and Shows

Tararua Championship 6 September

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Robin Fraser	Keri	Novice	1 st

Tararua Championship 7 September

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Carol Howell	Willow	С	1 st
Carol also made Willow up to an Obedience Champion at this show – Congratulations Carol!!!!!!!!!			

These are not the full results from Tararua (sorry – nobody take offence). Any additions will be added to the November newsletter.

Horowhenua - Championship - 20 September

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Amanda Chandler	Buzz	Spec Beg	5 th
Claudia Nottingham	Montania	Test A	4 th
Angelique Aamodt	Caden	Test B	3 rd
Robin Fraser	Drift	С	1 st

Horowhenua Championship 21 September

Handler	Dog	Test	Place
Robin Fraser	Keri	Novice	4 th
Alannah Knapp	Rhed	Test B	2 nd
Angelique Aamodt	Caden	Test B	5 th

NATIONALS 25 - 27 September

Handler	Dog	Test	Place	
Lynne Barr	Taiza	Spec Beg	3 rd	
Jenny Rutherford	Bounce	Novice	5 th	
Jo Goddard	Neisha	Test A	5 th	
Jenny Greer	Combo	Test B	5 th	

Please note those in bold are congratulated for their wins and invited to celebrate their achievement with their fellow club members on 4 November. Bring a plate.

TBCOC Working Bee

When:

4 October (Saturday) – THIS SATURDAY!!!!!!!!!!

Where: The Club Grounds (Obviously)

Time: 10 am

Please bring: Hammers, nails, screws. Paint Brushes/ Rollers Paint Trays Drop Cloths etc etc A small ladder if anyone has one

Mostly we will be finishing the painting that was started at the September working bee but due to poor turnout the job was not finished. We will also by trying to have a good tidy up around the clubrooms and also the grounds but this will depend on how much help we get. Please try to come and help. THE WORKING BEE WILL NOT BE CANCELLED IF THE WEATHER IS BAD.

The committee already do a lot for the club and it would be great to see some new faces. We are also having a BBQ during the working bee (Fish & Chips if it's raining). If you are not able to get there by 10 am anytime during the day would be great. Even if you can only come for an hour.

Come along – these working bees are a great opportunity to get to know some of the other club members better and they can also be a lot of fun.

NOTE: If Lianne, Wayne and Jenny are the only ones that turn up again – the working bee will be cancelled.

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