



Your quarterly dog club update: all the latest on the dogs, people, events and happenings at Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club.



Well, it's not really our President's Repawt because he has been away for much of last term – a holiday he has thoroughly deserved! Consequently, the Editorial Committee has put together a few comments on last term's events.

The grounds have been looking great with good grass growth and not too much sludge, despite quite a lot of rain, and have stood up well to the winter months. Nevertheless, Craig has just run his annual weed removal working bee and he and his willing helpers managed to fill several large bags. Many thanks to all who helped!

Talking of rain, it was not a good couple of months weather-wise, but most of the classes seemed to take place with only a few cancellations.

The winter months tend to be the off-season for Competitive Obedience and Rally-O so there were fewer shows and they have really, only been getting into gear again over recent weeks. However, we did have some great results; huge congratulations to Irene Kilford and Robbie who were presented their club sash at the end of August as Robbie has been made up to Obedience Champion!

In case you were wondering where our Our Rally-O classes went - we do not run them over the winter months because of possible damage to equipment. They have started up again in Term 4 and will run through to the end of Term 2 next year.

Scentwork and Nosework trials do run through the winter months with eleven of our

dogs recently gaining titles to allow them to move up to the next levels. You can see the list of these further on in the Newsletter.

Our next TBCOC Obedience Champ show is being held on 11 and 12 January 2025 and we are currently seeking members or businesses to sponsor our ribbons: each set costs \$56. You can nominate whichever test you would like to sponsor and your name/business name can be added to the ribbons. Please [email us](#) ASAP if you would like to become a sponsor.

In this quarter's newsletter we have a spotlight on breeds - specifically some of the breeds you are likely to see at the club. This time, we are looking at the Labrador Retriever, Border Collie and Dachshund. And for a bit of fun, your breed horoscopes. Enjoy!

Have a great Term 4 and lead-up to the end of the year – and you will hear back from Craig next Newsletter.

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As well as our committee members, we have a great group of instructors and members who keep our club running, who we would like to introduce you to, so every Lamppost we will publish a profile of one or more of our members and their lovely dogs so that you can get to know your pack.....

Bronwyn Weir with Shelby



Bronwyn Weir

My time at TBCOC started when Shelby my Dobermann could not get into the puppy class at our local vet, so off I went to TBCOC – in those days we lined up on enrolment evenings and took our chances, but we never looked back!

I was told I could not do Obedience with a Dobermann (prff!!) and Shelby was also competing in the breed ring at the same time. I must admit that out-of-sight stays were a bit of a mission because she wanted to say hello to all of the dogs and instructors she knew. However, we did Puppy classes, Domestic 1 to 4, CGC Foundation, Bronze and Silver and TBCOC champ shows as a competitor. I was also in the kitchen serving judges and selling baking at what was then, the NZ Kennel Club.

Somewhere along the way I got into instructing and onto the committee and then became a Life Member. So, there are 20+ years of meeting some wonderful people and dogs and making some very good friends! I have no dogs now but help out and give back to the community.

In addition to Shelby, I have had other dogs, like his predecessor Henry, my red Dobermann and have also been in the breed show ring with Leonburgers, Boxers, French bulldogs and also my friend's Samoyed.

At shows now I can always be found in the kitchen and for the last 10 years I have also been responsible for getting together all of the prizes for the Champ Shows.



- Labour Day observance – there may not be classes 28/29 October – please check with your instructor.
 - Graduation for Term 4 will be 2/3 December.
 - Our next **CGB Assessment** (Canine Good Basics) is 9 December, 7pm. It is open to anyone who has passed Dom 2. [Email us](#) to register for a place. Once you have passed your CGB you can go straight into CGC Foundation.
 - Annual **Dog's Christmas Party** - 6pm, 11 December 2024.
 - **Enrolment** for Term 1 2025 opens 8pm, 9 January - pop it in your diary!
 - Annual **TBCOC Obedience Championship Show** - 11/12 January 2025.
 - Don't forget, all enrolment, start and graduation dates are on the [Important Dates](#) page of our website.
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"I can't believe that they try to
hide my medication in my food. I'm a drug
sniffing dog!"



Over the last few months again, our members and their dogs have had considerable success in a various tests and trials and continue to have fun!

Competition Obedience

Competition Obedience has 5 levels starting at Beginners, going through Novice to Tests A, B and C – Test C being the most senior. Many shows also have an Elementary class which is a lead in to Beginners.

Upper Hutt Show 1, 22 June

Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 1st Elementary

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 1st Test B

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 1st Open Class

Lunette Bell & Charlie, 2nd Open Class

Upper Hutt Show 2, 23 June

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 3rd Beginners

Geoff Collins & Inka, 2nd Novice

Vicky Disbury & Fenwick, 5th Novice

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 2nd Test B

National Benefit Show Day 1, 7 July

Sam Whitham & Zaeda, 3rd Intro New Handler

National Benefit Show Day 2, 8 July

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 1st Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 1st Test B

Sue Paterson & Malu, 1st Test C

Angelique & Turbo, 4th Test C

Tararua Champ Show, Ashurst, Day 1, 24 August

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 4th Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 4th Test B

Sherrie McIntyre & Ditto, 5th Test C

Tararua Champ Show, Ashurst, Day 2, 25 August

Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 1st Elementary

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 1st Novice

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 5th Novice

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 3rd Test A

Rosemary Mortimer & Hector, 3rd Test C

Sue Paterson & Malu, 4th Test C

Horowhenua Champ Show, Day 1, 14 September

Alison Chapman & Rosa, Judges medal for best Recall, Beginners

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 5th Novice

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 4th Test A

Sherrie McIntyre & Ditto, 3rd Test C

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, CDX Silver

Horowhenua Champ Show, Day 2, 15 September

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 3rd Beginners

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 4th Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 5th Test C

South Rangitikei Day 1, 22 September

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 3rd Beginners

Cheryl Dickson & Inka, 1st Novice

Angela Aamodt & Orix, 3rd Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 2nd Test B

Sherrie McIntyre & Ditto, 3rd Test C

Irene Kilford & Robbie, 4th Test C

Angelique Aamodt & Turbo, 5th Test C

South Rangitikei Day 2, 23 September

Angelique Aamodt & Turbo, 3rd Test C

Nelson Champ show, Day 1, 22 September

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 2nd Novice

Nelson Champ Show, Day 2, 23 September

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 2nd Novice

Hawkes Bay DTC, Day 1, 5 October

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 2nd Novice

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 5th Novice

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 5th Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, Special Judges, Test B

Irene Kilford & Robbie, 5th Test C

Hawkes Bay DTC, Day 2, 6 October

Geoff Collins & Inka, 4th Novice

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 5th Novice

Angelique Aamodt, 3rd Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 5th Test B

Irene Kilford and Robbie (left), Cheryl Dickson and Juno (right)



Sam Whitham's Zaeda



Rally Obedience (Rally-O) Champ Shows

Rally-O has 7 levels – Novice A&B, Advanced A&B and Excellent A&B, as well as Encore which is a course designed with no sits (very good for older dogs). Competitors earn Qualifying Certificates to move up a level and to gain titles.

Central Region Benefit Show, 7 July

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 2 Qualifying Certificates, Novice B

Rosemary Mortimer & Hector, 2 Qualifying Certificates, Novice B

Horowhenua Champ Show, Day 1, 14 September

Jan Voss & Pearl, 2nd Advanced A with qualifying certificate

Horowhenua Champ Show, Day 2, 15 September

Erin McKenzie & Harley, qualifying certificate in Novice B

Nelson Champ Show Day 2, 23 September

Erin McKenzie & Harley, Qualified in Novice B

Scent Work (Dogs NZ and SSANZ)

In Scentwork and Nosework Trials the prime goal is for dogs to gain Qualifying Certificates for finding the Search Odours in a certain amount of time. Within the Dog's NZ code, dogs can win ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places but these are based on speed; and within all codes, there are also Judges Awards which are awarded when teams have caught the Judge's eye for some particular attribute of the search – these are also more valued than a placing. So, like Rally-O it is the Qualifying Certificate that is the prime aim of the game. In SSANZ Nosework, the process for gaining qualifying certificates to move up levels is a little different to that of DNZ but our members really enjoy both codes and appreciate the time people put in to organise, help and judge at all of these trials.

TBCOC dogs have taken part in three DNZ or SSANZ Trials over the last few weeks, electing to do all or some of the searches, either they were new to trialling or only needed to qualify in specific searches.

A.C.E Dog Training Club, SSANZ Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Trials 14 and 15th July

Day 1 Novice Qualifiers– Container, Interior, Exterior & Vehicle

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 2/4

Alison Chapman & Rosa 4/4 with qualifying certificate

Aimee Cotter & Nyx, 3/4 with Judges Award for Exterior Search

Rachel Fox & Wally 3/4

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 4/4 for Novice Nosework title

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, 3/4

Laura Yate & Noah, 4/4 for qualifying certificate

Day 1 Advanced – requires the dog to find 2 hides in each of the 4 elements – a total of 8

Jan McKenzie & Poppy, 6/8

Claudia Samitz & Sol, 6/8

Day 2 Novice Qualifiers – Container, Interior, Exterior & Vehicle

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 3/4

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 3/4

Rachel Fox & Wally, 2/4 and Judges Choice award for Exterior search

Anna Hunt & Moxie, 3/4 and award for fastest Container search

Zoe Henderson & Suzie, 2/4

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 3/4

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

Nigel Sylva & Colin 2/4

Laura Yate & Noah, 2/4 and Judges Choice award for Exterior search

Day 2 Intermediate Qualifiers– Container, Interior, Exterior & Vehicle

Antonia Allum & Cairo, 3/4

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, 2/4

Kat Thorstrand-Mitchell & Opal, 3/4

Hide & Scent, SSANZ Novice, Intermediate and Buried Hides Trials 24/25

August

Day 1 Intermediate Qualifiers

Antonia Allum & Cairo 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

Sheelah Stevens & Sol 4/4 for Intermediate Nosework title

Jan McKenzie and Geordie 3/4

Day 1 Buried Hides Qualifiers – Sand & Water searches

Jan McKenzie & Poppy – Water search only to complete her Buried Hides title

Anna Hunt & Moxie – Sand

Rachel Fox & Wally – Sand & Water

Aimee Cotter & Nyx – Sand & Water & Judges Choice Award

Jan Voss & Maple – Sand & Water

Laura Yate & Noah – Sand & Water and Judges & Judges Choice award

Jan McKenzie & Geordie – Sand only

Sheelah Stevens & Sol – Sand

Sharon Wray & Poppy – Sand & Water

Day 2 Novice Qualifiers

Anna Hunt & Moxie, 4/4 for Novice Nosework Title

Nigel Thompson & Colin, 2/4

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, 4/4 for Novice Nosework title

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 4/4

Alannah Knapp & Breeze, 4/4 for Novice Nosework title

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 4/4

Sam Witham & Toru, 2/4

Zoe Henderson & Suzie 1/4

Laura Yate & Noah, 3/4

Aimee Cotter & Nyx, 4/4 for qualifying certificate

Sharon Wray & Poppy, 3/4

Horowhenua DTC, SSANZ Novice, Intermediate, Advance and Buried Hides Trials 5/6 October

Day 1 Advance – Total of 8 – 3 Teams achieved 6/8

Claudia Samitz & Sol

Jan McKenzie & Poppy

Kat Thorstrand Mitchell & Opal

Day 1 Novice - total of 4 Hides

Laura Yate & Noah 4/4 7 Qualifier for Title & Judges Choice awards for Vehicle and Exterior

Louise Norris & Abby, 4/4 Qualifier

Buried Hides – Sand and Water

Anna Hunt & Moxie

Aimee Cotter & Nyx

Alison Chapman & Rosa

Jan McKenzie & Geordie

Kim Lusby & Tom & Judges Choice for Water

Erin McKenzie & Harley & Judges Choice for Sand

Laura Yate & Noah - Sand

Day 2 Intermediate - total of 4 Hides

Antonia Allum & Cairo 4/4 Qualifying Certificate & Judges Choice award for Interior

Erin McKenzie & Harley, Container

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Interior & Container

Kim Lusby 4/4 & Qualifying Certificate

Day 2 Novice - total of 4 Hides

Anna Hunt & Moxie, 4/4 & Judges Award for Vehicle

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, 4/4

Aimee Cotter & Nyx, 4/4 for Title

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 4/4 & Judges Award for Exterior

Nigel Sylva & Colin, 4/4 & Judges Award for Interior

Sam Whitham & Toru 4/4 (nq)

Louise Norris & Abby, 4/4 for Title & Highest Qualifier

Zoe Henderson & Suzie, 2/4

Erin McKenzie & Rosie, 4/4

Overall, since the last Newsletter, 11 of our Dogs and Handlers have completed Titles:

Erin McKenzie & Harley, Novice

Anna Hunt & Moxie, Novice

Alison Chapman & Rosa, Novice

Alannah Knapp & Breeze, Novice

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, Novice

Laura Yate & Noah, Novice

Louise Norris & Abby, Novice

Aimee Cotter & Nyx, Novice

Claudia Samitz & Sol, Intermediate

Antonia Allum & Cairo, Intermediate

Jan McKenzie & Poppy –Novice Buried Hides (Sand & Water)

Jan McKenzie's Geordie just checking the hide wasn't put in a sneaky cone!



Canine Good Citizen

Canine Good Citizen is an award that any dog can do and we run classes in this at the club. From time-to-time different clubs run assessment days where dogs can qualify at four different levels – Foundation, Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

CGC is not easy to pass and to get all four levels can take some months or even a year or two, depending on the amount of work put in. Dogs need to have passed at least Domestic 3 to be able to enrol for a CGC class. Here is a report from Kat Thorstrand-Mitchell on the latest CGC Assessment held at the club on October 13th:

We had a slightly lop-sided assessment this year at TBCOC, with only ONE Foundation dog, when usually we have around 15-20, then 4 Bronze dogs and large groups of Silver and Gold dogs, 6 & 7 respectively. In addition, our assessment was the first to include Café exercises for both Silver and Gold. These exercises only came into play on July 1 this year. So, the organisation of our assessment had to be done with a different structure in mind, to make sure we got the logistics right for the club and assessors as well as creating a good experience for the handlers and their dogs.

To share the workload more evenly, Irma and Stephen Harris took on the Foundation/Bronze (Irma) AND Silver (Stephen) assessments and then Patricia Sauermann-Wehde took the Gold only, after lunch. It worked out quite well, we started at 9.30 and finished at 3pm, just the way we had planned.

The café exercises add at least an hour and half to the total assessment time, but they are quite fun and illustrate what a good Canine Citizen can do, so very useful. We are lucky at TBCOC in that we have two very dog-friendly eateries with large outdoor areas and they're happy for us to use these. Today we went to The Supply Room, who cheerfully served up yummy slices to assessed handlers, and were really impressed with their dogs.

As for the results:

- Jan Voss with Ngaio nailed their Foundation assessment easily - well done Jan! She has worked with this dog for well over a year to get it to this point.
- In Bronze, Claire Walker (Fizz) and Sarah Searancke (Merlo) from TBCOC both passed Bronze as did the other two handlers, from CADTS, who both passed Foundation last weekend.
- In the Silver group we had three handlers from TBCOC with Irene Kilford (Macy) being successful. Two other handlers, from Wanganui and Wairarapa, also passed and they all continued to the Gold assessment.

It is very difficult to do the Gold assessment straight after doing Silver, as both handler and dog are usually more tired than they think they are. This showed again today, because Irene was the only handler from the Silver group who also passed Gold. The other successful Gold handler was Karen Carlie, with Brie, from ODTC.

We had a large group of very helpful volunteers, and volunteer dogs. They included instructors and handlers from our club, with various family members, as well as people accompanying handlers from other clubs. All of them were essential to the day being so successful! They clapped and cheered, rode scooters and waved umbrellas, and happily spent quite a lot of time at café tables conversing with nervous handlers. Lianne ran the kitchen with the usual efficiency, Ian marked all the exam papers, and Craig assisted assessors with aplomb.

Erin and Harley (left), Jan Voss and Ngaio (right) - CGC Foundation Qualifiers



Claire Walker & Fizz, Sarah Searancke & Merlo - CGC Bronze Qualifiers
Irene Kilford & Macy- CGC Silver and Gold Qualifiers







It's 59 days until Christmas!!

This year's Dogs Christmas Party is on 11th December at 6pm at our [Club grounds, Ngatitoa Domain](#). Along with all the usual Christmas fun, there will be Fetch-The-Sausage, Musical Matt, running races and this year, a **new competition** - Santa's Sleighs!!

- BBQ food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by club, but **please bring a plate**.
 - There will be prizes for **Best Dogs Fancy Dress**, so dress to impress.
 - Please bear in mind that this is not a training session, dogs will be off-lead and everyone is responsible for their own dog's behaviour *at all times*.
 - If the weather is bad the event will be cancelled. This will be announced on our [Facebook](#) page.
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Breeds - Part One

From time to time we will be looking at the attributes of some of the common breeds of dogs we see around the Club...

Labrador Retriever - *active/friendly/outgoing*

Labradors are a sweet, loveable, and friendly breed. They are very high-spirited companions and have enough affection for everyone in the family. As well as being famously friendly, they are great with children.

A sturdy medium-large breed, they have a dense, hard coat that comes in yellow, black and chocolate. Their head is wide, their eyes are kind and their tails are forever on the move.

As well as being companionable house mates and easy going, they are

enthusiastically athletic and require lots of exercise and games to keep them physically and mentally fit.

Height: 57cm-62cm (male) 55cm-60cm (female)

Weight: 29.5 – 36kgs

Life expectancy: 11-13 years

- Easy to train
- Only moderately vocal
- Need a fair amount of mental stimulation
- Very physically active
- Very open to meeting strangers
- A very popular breed in New Zealand

Border Collie – *energetic/affectionate/smart*

A remarkably bright workaholic, the Border Collie is an amazing dog who needs an owner with the time, energy and means to keep it occupied.

They are athletic, medium sized herders and their overall look is that of a muscular but nimble worker. Both the rough and smooth coats come in a variety of colours and patterns and have a double coat of medium length. They have an intense gaze – a ‘herding eye’ – and the intelligence, athleticism and trainability to have a perfect outlet in agility or obedience.

Amiable amongst friends, they may be reserved with strangers.

Height: 48cm -56cm (male) 46cm-53cm (female)

Weight: 13.5 – 27.5kgs

Life expectancy: 12-15 years

- Easy to train
- Highly energetic
- Fairly vocal
- Needs a high degree of mental stimulation
- Playful and adaptable

Dachshund – *curious/friendly/spunky*

Dachshunds are alert, bold, vivacious, and stubborn with a long, low silhouette. Coats can be smooth, long-haired, and wire-haired.

They are bred in Germany to hunt badgers and their long body is custom-made for this purpose. They are very intelligent but also very independent and because they are stubborn, can be a challenge to train. Their sense of smell is

excellent, with a strong prey drive. They are bred to stay focused and follow a trail without distraction. If they are busy with something more interesting, they may not always pay attention to you.

Height: approximately 20.5cm standard and 13cm miniature

Weight: 7-14.5kgs standard and 5kgs and under, miniature

Life expectancy: 12-16 years

- Very brave, bold and energetic
- Need regular exercise
- Affectionate with family but can be standoffish with strangers
- Good watch dog
- Prone to back problems
- Very independent and stubborn



If you are....you may be drawn to:

Aries -----> Labrador Retriever, Irish Setter
Taurus -----> Beagle, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Gemini -----> Dachshund, Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Cancer -----> Bulldog, Rottweiler
Leo -----> French Bulldog, Jack Russell Terrier
Virgo -----> Australian Shepherd, Anatolian Shepherd
Libra -----> Bulldog, Poodle
Scorpio -----> Shiba Inu, Siberian Husky
Sagittarius -----> Poodle, Mini Pinscher
Capricorn -----> German Shepherd, Tibetan Spaniel
Aquarius -----> Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Havanese
Pisces -----> Golden Retriever, Shiba Inu

Please keep in mind that Astrology is subjective. Like people, individual dogs can have unique personalities that don't completely line up with their star signs.



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We hope you have enjoyed our new newsletter!

Please email titahibayobedience@gmail.com if there is something in particular you would like to see in our next edition.

See you next quarter,
The Lamppost Editorial Team

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