

Howler



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April 2023



This month in the Howler:

A number of promotions

Movers and Shakers

Feedback on the Obedience

Workshop

K9 Companion award

Notice of GM for April

Notice: many closed days in

April and one day in May



Spotted on the club grounds recently,
Janette and her Pomeranian, Tedy



Important Dates.

General meetings 2023:

12 Apr	10 May	14 Jun
12 Jul	9 Aug	13 Sep
11 Oct	8 Nov	13 Dec

NO TRAINING

Mon 10th April (Public Hols)
 Tue 11th April (School Hols)
 Tue 18th April (School Hols)
 Tue 25th April (ANZAC day)
 Tue 16th May (Grounds closed Council use)

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello everyone,

I hope this issue of the Howler finds you and your dogs well.

Slow news month as they say in the business. However lots of Promotions by our very capable and dedicated members and their wonderful dogs. Well done everyone.

Note that all members who have not yet tested or received their K9 Companion award, there will be an opportunity for you in June to do this. The notice and details on page 6.

Our list of Awards this year is amazing, and you can find the full list with the link provided below.

Lastly, take note of the many days in April and on day in May when there will be no training. The dates above in the calendar of events.

Have a good one.

*Editor, Graphic Designer
Tony Vink*

HILLS DOG CLUB AGM PERPETUAL TROPHIES AND MEDALLIONS

These awards were presented at the Annual General Meeting 2023, to recognise the

achievements of our members in canine competition throughout 2022.

We have a long [list of Awards](#) that were presented at the AGM last month. Many photos were posted on the Club Facebook Page. A Special mention to our 25 and 20 yr service awards.

QR code to

[list of ALL Awards:](#)



25 years

Gordon Fenbow
 Pam Wood
 Odette Tyndal

20 years

Shannon Shepherdson
 Pauline Hartwell
 Kathy Cocks
 Pat Bradley
 Deirdre O'Brien
 Robyn Smiles





Adam and Kaiser



Aimee and Rocco



Amy and Bodhi

PROMOTIONS - MARCH 2022

Beginners to Graduate

- Samantha with Waffles the Papillon
- Susan with Eden the Labrador
- Angela with Noodle the Aussie Shepherd
- Karyn with Kira the Cavalier cross
- Adam with Kaiser the Weimaraner
- Aimee and Raymond with Rocco the Lagotto
- Amy with Bodhi the Golden Retriever
- Sarah with Murphy the Groodle
- Deidre with Boris the Std. Schnauzer

Graduate to Intermediate

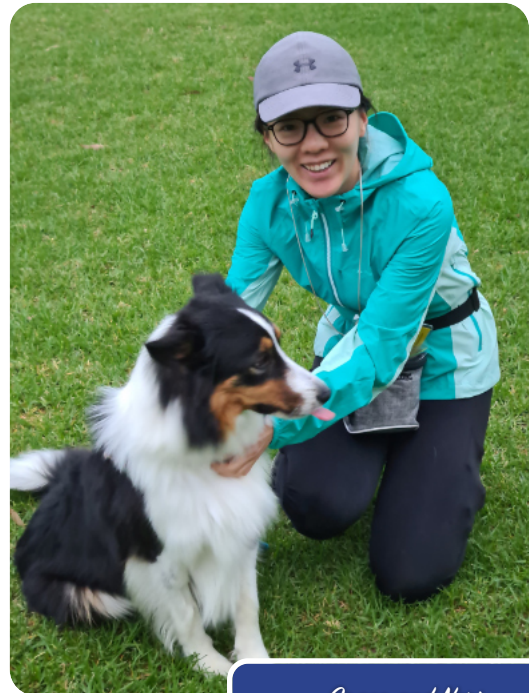
- Jenny with Mia the Chihuahua
- Dannielle with Delta the Miniature Pincher
- Christa with R2D2 the Border Collie
- Tamica and Alex with Rogue the German Shepherd
- Grace with Nori the Border Collie



Alex, Rogue and Tamica



Deidre and Boris



Grace and Nori



Jenny and Mia



Sarah and Murphy



Susan and Eden

SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP

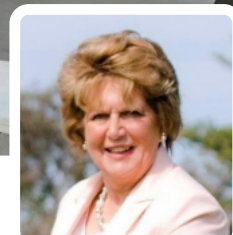
On Saturday 11th March, a large group of club members and instructors attended an Obedience Workshop delivered by Pauline Hartwell who is highly qualified, as a trainer, Instructor, and judge in several categories and classes of Dog sports.

The workshop was held under the long shed at the club with plenty of opportunity for member participation and working with their dogs under Pauline's watchful eye.

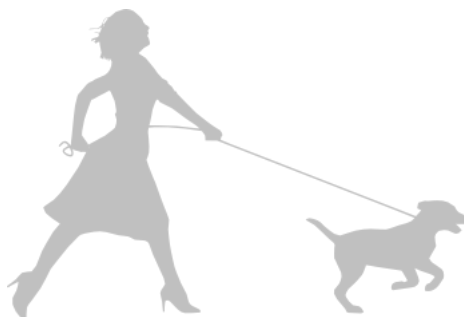
All participants were happy to have been able to join the workshop.

Keep on the look out* for future workshops, these are great events and you will learn many great dog training tips and techniques.

*Check out the next Lecture on Canine Dental health



Pauline Hartwell



Coming up in May

Canine Dental Lecture

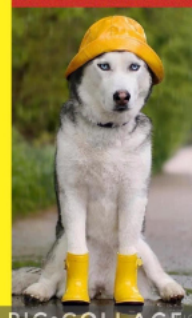
17th May 2023

Large Meeting room 7:30 pm

More information to come



IN EXTREME WEATHER
CONDITIONS HDC WILL POST
"TRAINING ON OR OFF"
A NOTICE WILL BE POSTED
@ 1PM MON FOR MON NIGHT
@ 3PM MON FOR TUESDAY
CLASSES



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HILLS DOG CLUB Inc.
Introducing
the

K9 Companion Award

An Assessment for Club Members only

Hills has introduced a K9 Companion Award for Club members with dogs in Class 8 or above and will hold Assessments as follows:

Monday night 19th June 2023 @ 7.15pm

Tuesday morning 20th June 2023 @ 10.45am

The following elements are essential to undertake the test:

- Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. They must have completed our Beginner Course or be in Class 8 (or higher) of the Club's Course.
- Proof of Council registration, microchipping and a current vaccination or equivalent certificate.
- The dog should be presented in a clean and tidy manner.
- The dog should be fitted with an appropriate collar or restraint for that dog (i.e. collar, gentle collar, head collar and harness), and be on a leash. **Note – No check chains are to be used.**
- The Handler must carry a plastic bag at all times to clean up after his/her dog.
- Training treats are not to be given during exercises. Verbal praise is, however, permitted.
- The Handler may offer food rewards at the finish of each individual exercise.
- A number of both verbal and hand cues are permitted during exercises.
- The Handler must have an 80% pass rate on the theory assessment and 100% on the practical assessment.
- If you do not achieve 100% in your practical assessment, you will be able to re-sit the practical test without charge when the next K9 Assessments are held.
- The cost of the assessment is \$20.00

For full details of the Award and information on exercises talk with your Class Instructor

**Please hand this form in to the office at least
3 weeks before the test date with your \$20.00 fee**

Name of Handler: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Paid _____

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

It was great to hear that Paul Gersbach's Shelley scored a pass in her first ever Advanced Rally Competition held at Bush Farm on the 26th of March.

Good to see Paul, keep up the hard work you two have been putting in. I see an honour board plaque for Shelley in the future.



Election of NSW Conformation Judges for
Championship Shows being held in 2025 (27th April
2025 & 27th September AM & PM 2025)
will take place at the General Meeting held on 14th

May 2023

**Nominations of Judges for consideration
must be received by 7th May 2023**

Nominations need to be emailed to

infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF HILLS DOG CLUB INC.

When:..... Wednesday **12 April 2023** - 7:30pm

Where: Meeting Rooms at Castle Hill Showground.

Who: All club members are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes.
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer Report
7. New Members
8. Chief Instructors Report
9. Education Officer Report
10. Show Secretary Report
11. Trial Secretary Report
12. Publicity Officer report
13. Club Trophy Secretary Report



GENERAL BUSINESS

Hills Dog Club Inc.

TRAINING TIMES

Mon. 7pm -> Puppies*,
Beginners, Graduate &
Intermediate classes

8pm -> Advanced class

*Puppy classes are for dogs
12-20 weeks.

Tue. 10:30am -> All Classes

IMPORTANT:

No classes held on
public holidays

No Tuesday classes
held in
school holidays

Forgotten to bring treats
to training? **Lamb Treats**
are on sale at the office for
\$6 a packet.

CLUB MEETINGS

The club meets monthly on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month, except
January, in the clubhouse. Meetings
start at 7.30pm. All welcome! Tea
and coffee provided.

Club financial year is 1st January to
31st December.

CORRESPONDENCE

All Club correspondence or en-
quiries should be addressed in writ-
ing to The Secretary, POBOX 392
Round Corner NSW 2158 or

**NOTE EMAIL ADDRESS for
all contacts at Hills Dog Club**

infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

Hills Howler is available at the club-
house on training days/nights and
online. All members are encouraged
to contribute. For admin purposes,
please keep us informed of change
of email address.

NEWSLETTER

Send all inquiries and contributions
to hillsowler@gmail.com

NOTICE:

NOMINATIONS BY 7TH MAY
ELECTIONS ON 14TH MAY

See notice [page 9](#)

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information

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Ground Rules

1. As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
2. Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
3. All dogs must have properly fitted equipment and remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a club instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in Puppy, Beginners or Graduate classes.
4. A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.

6. Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
7. Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs or bare feet) is required to be worn by handler during training.
8. Dogs are not to be left unattended whilst on the training grounds unless crated or tethered in a safe area. Members are reminded not to approach dogs that are confined. All dogs are to be kept under control and supervised while at the counter or in the clubhouse.
9. The Club reserves the right to ask any member to muzzle or in extreme cases, remove their dog/s from the training grounds. If a muzzle is required this must remain in place whilst on the club grounds. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.
10. Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are

conducted.

11. Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/guardian at all times.
12. Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes) and Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train providing they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.
13. The Club is in operation if the dog building doors and roller shutter are open. ie: from 5:45 Mondays and from 10:00 am Tuesdays

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HILLS DOG CLUB INC. - 2022/23 COMMITTEE

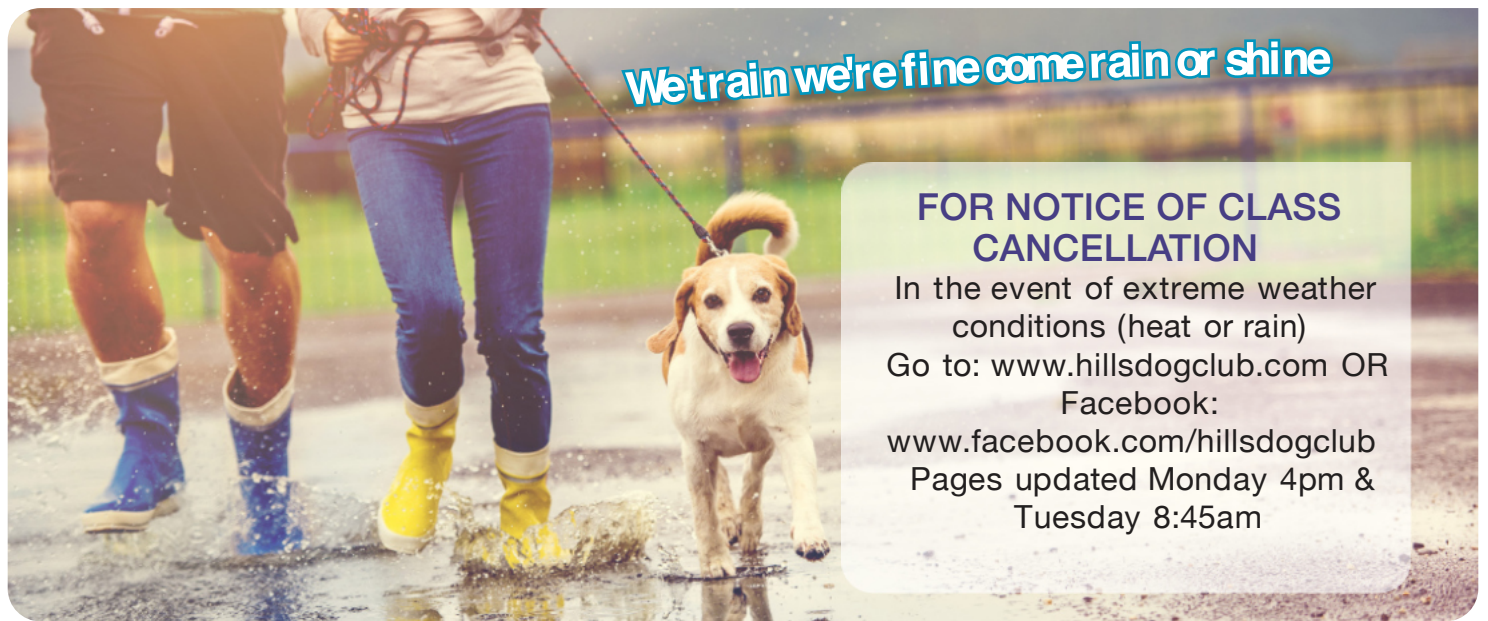
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 VICE PRESIDENT: - - - - - Anne Small
 VICE PRESIDENT: - - - - - Bob Watters
 SECRETARY: - - - - - Jane Lamont
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY: - - - - Belvane Parsons
 TREASURER: - - - - - Lynne Sheather
 ASSISTANT TREASURER: - - - - Janet Power
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: - - - - - Kathy Cocks
 TRIAL SECRETARY: - - - - - Judy McCartney
 SHOW SECRETARY: - - - - - Janet Power
 PUBLIC OFFICER: - - - - - Lynne Sheather
 PUBLICITY OFFICER: - - - - - Natalie Conway
 EDUCATION OFFICER: - - - - - Genevieve Young
 EQUIPMENT OFFICER: - - - - - Bob Watters
 REGISTRAR: - - - - - Jane Lamont

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
 - - - - - Laura Hadfield
 - - - - - Michelle Raymond
 - - - - - Peter Guenther
 - - - - - Karen Richardson
 - - - - - Carolyn Jensen
 - - - - - Kathy Zaia

TROPHY STEWARDS:
 TRIAL: - - - - - Jessica Leckie
 SHOW: - - - - - Janice Lyons
 CLUB: - - - - - Carole Hatley
 AUDITOR: - - - - - Mr T. Newton
 PATRONS : - - - - - Mrs Luci Ellem
 - - - - - Dr Peter Gangemi, Lord Mayor,
 The Hills Shire Council

Contact club committee members: Infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

LIFE MEMBERS: **Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins (deceased), Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather.**



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 Pages updated Monday 4pm & Tuesday 8:45am

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